

1956

# THE PHOENIX







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THE SENIOR CLASS  
OF  
DENTON HIGH SCHOOL  
Denton, North Carolina



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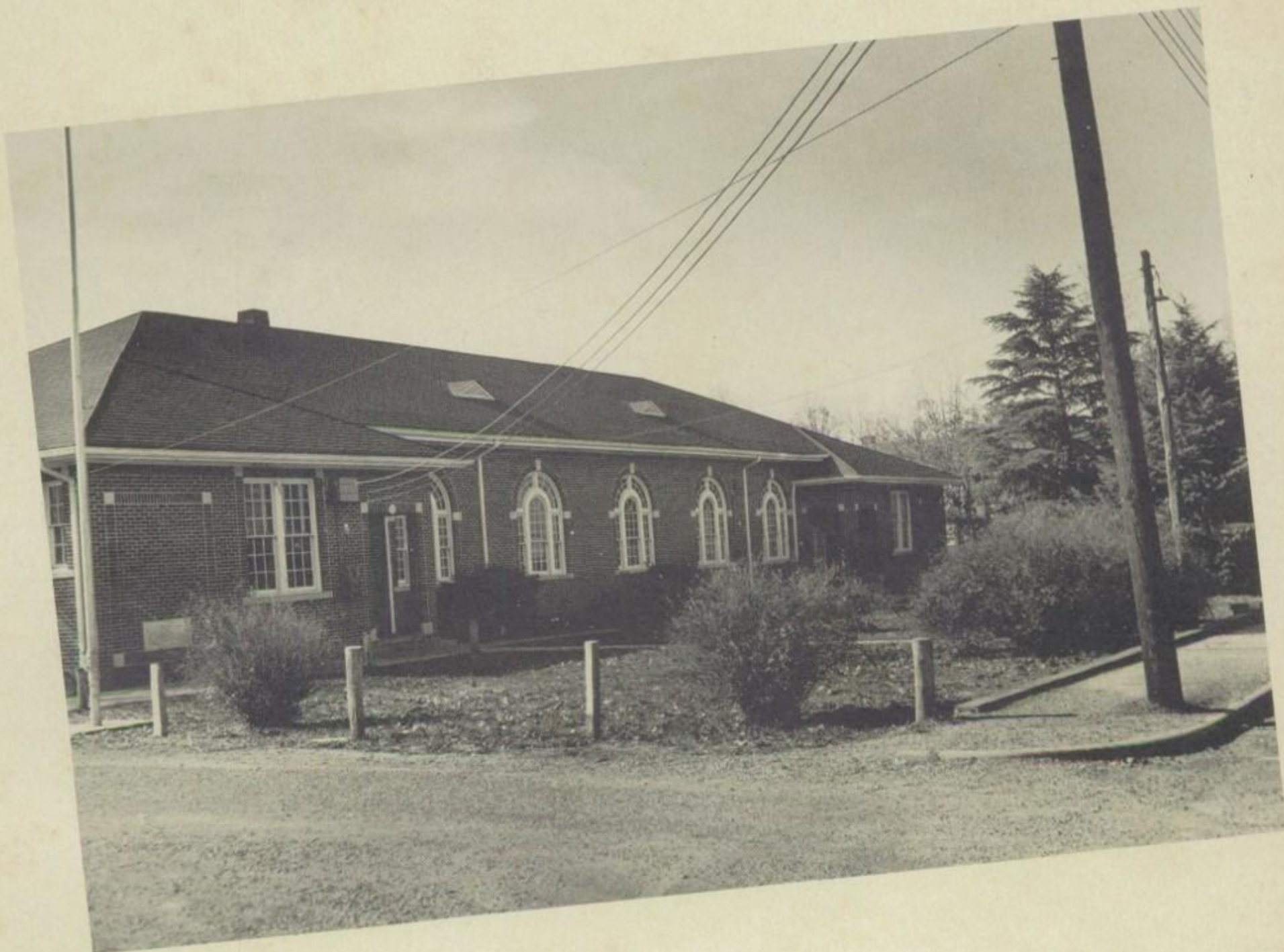
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## *Foreword*

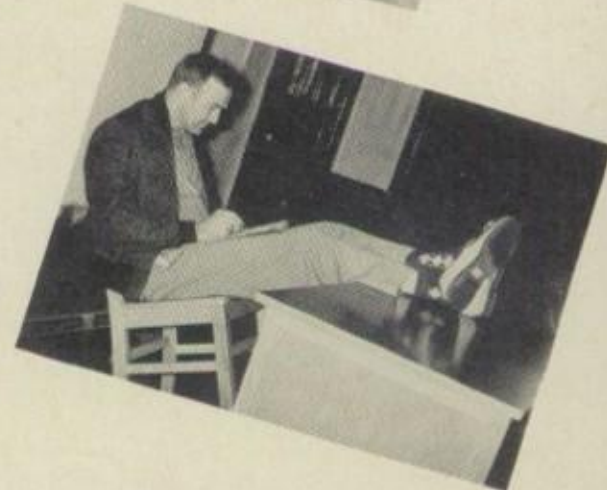
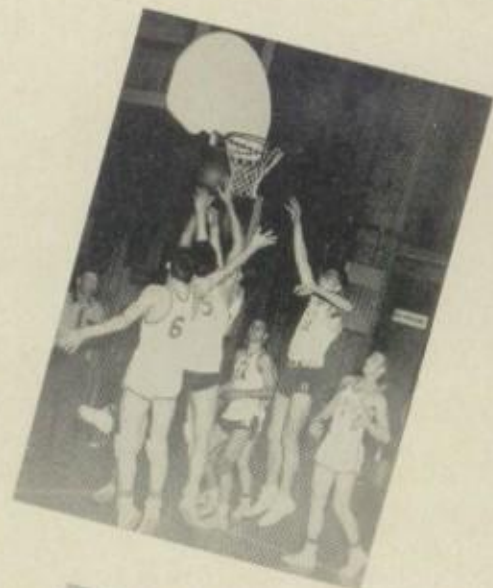
Here, on these two pages, are the centers around which our careers in Denton High have revolved. However, the buildings alone cannot convey the work, fun, and sorrows that go on within these walls. On the following pages, we have tried to give you only a silhouette of that which has meant so much to us.

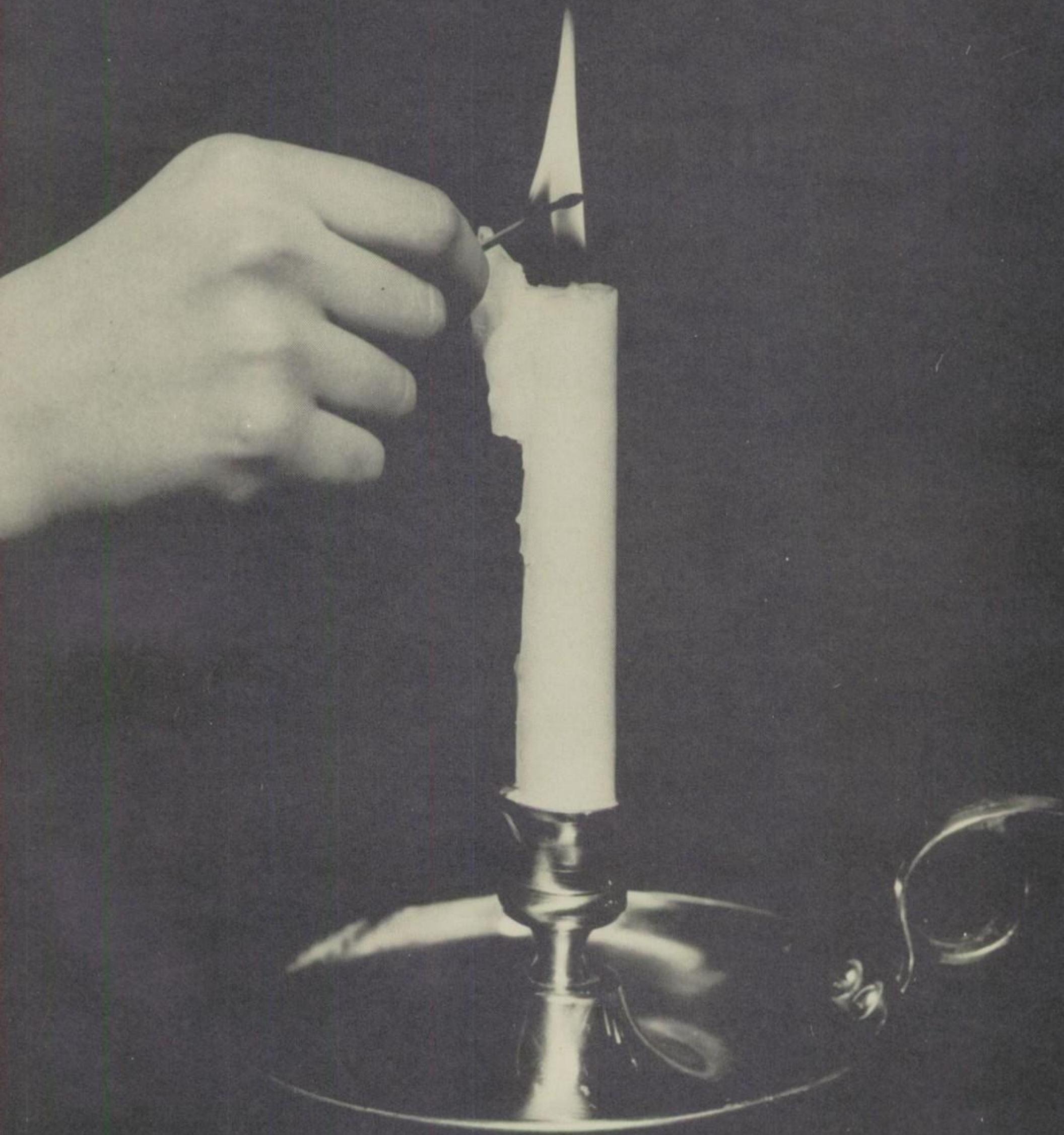
We, the Senior class and annual staff, proudly present to you this - the 1956 Phoenix.

## Dedication



To express our thanks for the interest he has shown in us as individuals and as a school; for the work he has done here; and the winning teams along with school spirit he has given us, we, the Senior Class of 1956 dedicate this, the Phoenix, to Mr. Warren Hicks, our beloved coach.

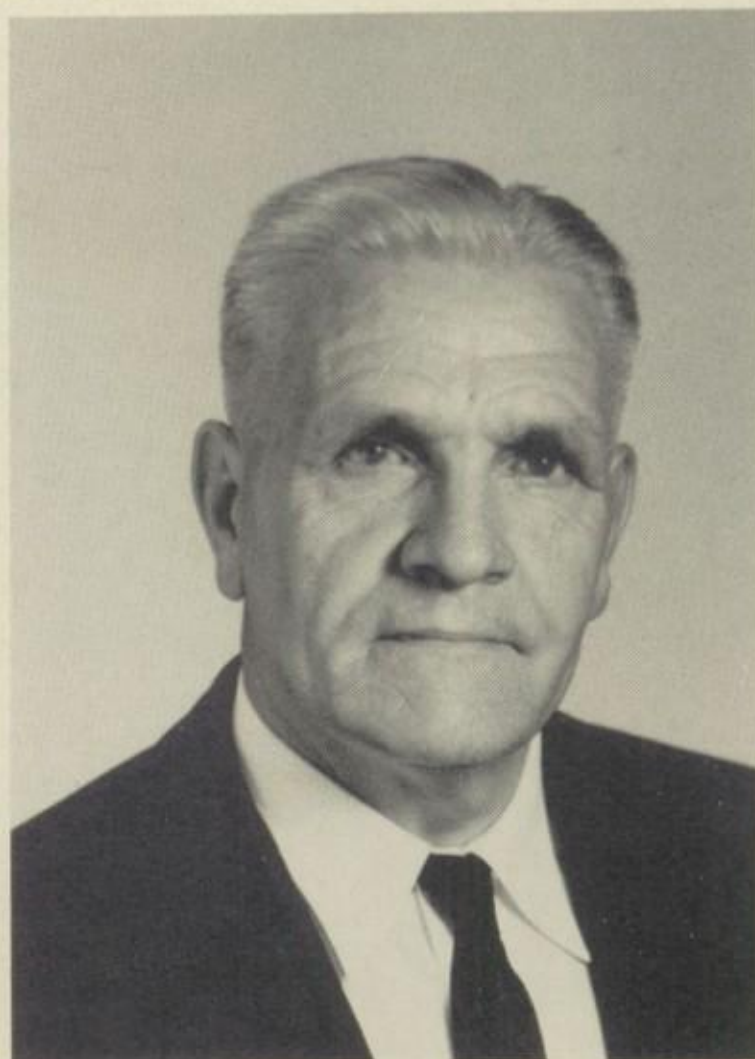




**FACULTY**

## *Elementary Faculty*

Mrs. Arthur Lanier  
Mrs. D. M. Sexton  
Mrs. Forrest Haltom  
Mrs. G. Lee Surratt  
Mrs. M. Reid Doby  
Mrs. Robert C. Carroll  
Miss Betty Hinson  
Miss Ann McCollum  
Mrs. Fred Duckett  
Mrs. Doak H. Skeen  
Mrs. Carlie Davis  
Mrs. Nick Lanier  
Miss Genie Rogers  
Miss Eliza Smith  
Mrs. M. L. Klutz  
Mrs. Lena Gallimore  
Mrs. McCray Holmes  
Mrs. I. Thomas Johnson



MR. V. O. JONES  
Principal



FIRST AND SECOND  
GRADES



## High School Faculty



Rev. J. McCray Holmes  
English



Mrs. Howard Snider  
School Secretary



Mr. A. M. Snider  
Social Studies



Mr. Archie Cannon  
Mathematics



Mrs. Jack Smith  
English and French



Mr. Charles Sink  
Science



Miss Hazel Hoover  
Commercial Department



Mr. M. L. Kluttz  
Vocational Agriculture



Miss Ann Mason  
Home Economics



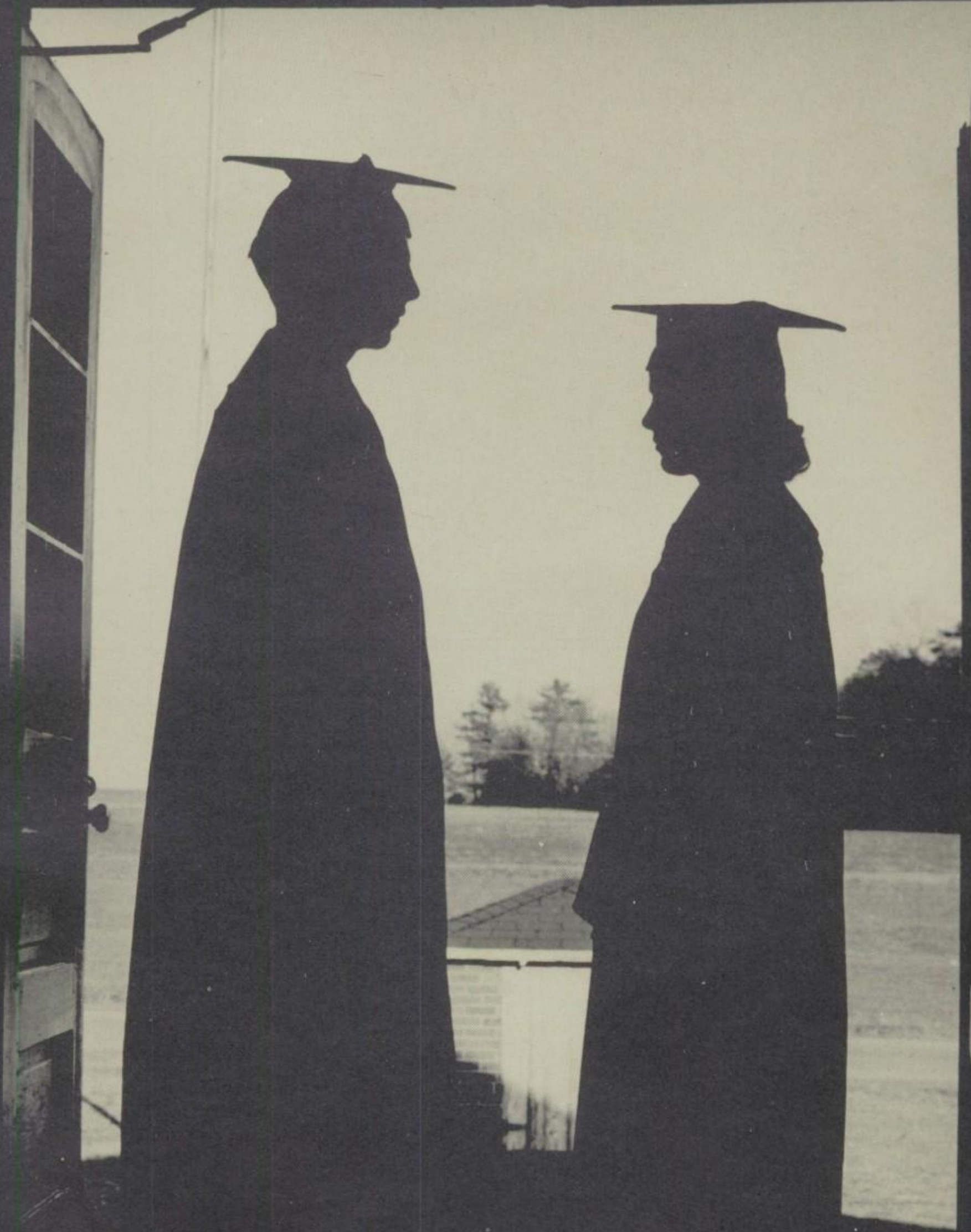
Mr. C. Robert Clark  
Band



Mrs. Joe Taylor  
Music



Mr. Warren Hicks  
Coach



**SENIORS**



## *Class Officers*

President  
Larry Taylor

Vice-President  
Graham Davis

Secretary  
Sara Carroll

Treasurer  
Imogene Walker

## *Mascots*

AVA SMITH

WAYNE ELLIOTT



KAREN BEA ADAMS

"Smile your cares away."

F.H.A. 1,4; Glee Club 2,3,4;  
Commercial Club 3,4.



JOHN JOE CARROLL

"Give me women."

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; 4-H 1,2,4-  
(Officer 4); Bus Driver 4; Com-  
mercial Club 4; Football 1; Glee  
Club 2.

NANCY LOU CARROLL

"It's better to forget and smile,  
than to remember and be sad."

Band 1,2,3, (Officer 3); Science  
Club 2; Glee Club 2; Dentonian  
Staff 2,3,4; Class Play 3; Beta  
Club 3,4, (Officer 3,4); Cheer-  
leader 3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Soft-  
ball 3,4; Marshall 3; Quill and  
Scroll 4; Senior Scouts 1,2,3;  
4-H 1; Phoenix Staff 4; Senior  
Superlative 4; Class Prophet 4;  
Monogram Club 4.



SARA JANE CARROLL

"Of all the joys that I recall,  
being in love is best of all."

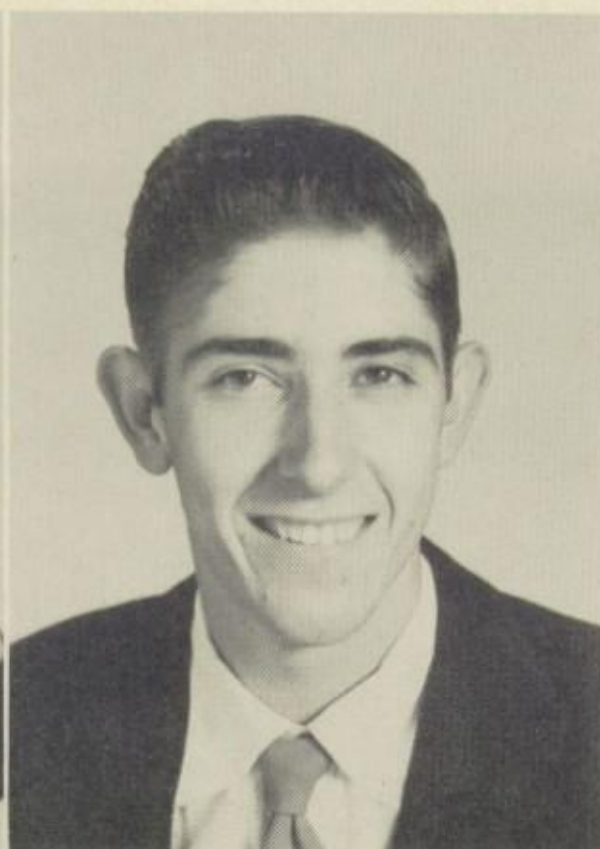
Dentonian Staff 1,3,4; 4-H 1;  
Senior Scouts 1,2; Class Officer  
3,4; Class Play 3, F.H.A. 1,2,  
3,4, (Officer 3-County Officer,  
4); Band 2,3,4; Glee Club 2,  
(Officer 2); Softball 3,4; Science  
Club 2; Basketball 3,4, (Co-  
Captain 4); Monogram Club 2,  
3,4; Cheerleader 2; Phoenix  
Staff 4; Senior Superlative 4;  
Beta Club 4.



IRIS PEARL COOK

"Smart, capable, and always kind, if fact, she just can't be defined."

Class Officer 1; Glee Club 2,3; Science Club 2; Dentonian Staff 4; Phoenix Staff; Commercial Club 3,4; Class Poet 4; F.H.A. 1,2; Quill & Scroll 4; Beta Club 4; Superlative 4.



GILES GRAHAM DAVIS

"In his quietness lies his personality."

Bus Driver 3,4; Boys State 3; Science Club 2; Phoenix Staff 4; Commercial Club 3,4; Class Officer 4.

JAMES BRUTON FUTRELL

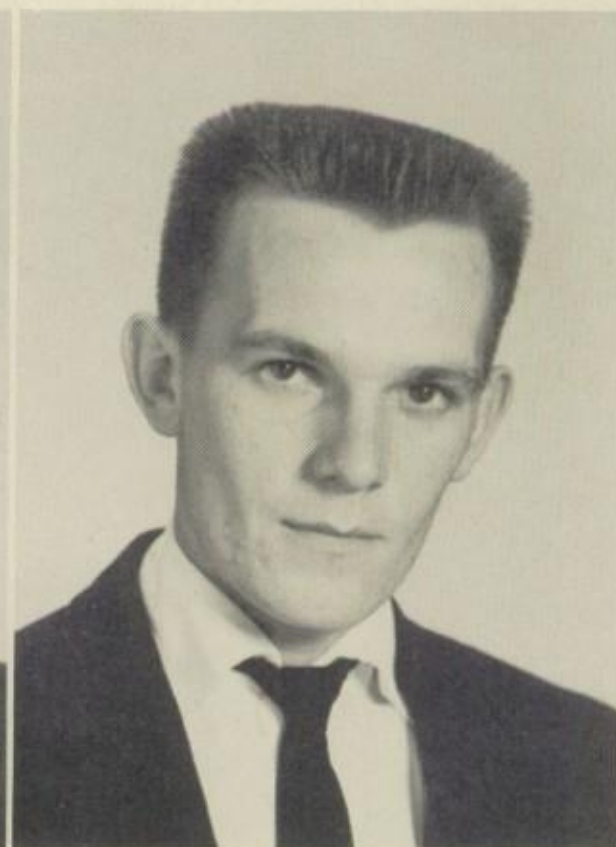
"Some of the greatest men in America have died lately, and I don't feel too well."

Class Officer 1; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 4; Monogram Club 3,4; Phoenix Staff 4; Commercial Club 3,4.

JAMES NELSON DOBY

"A finer boy you'll never find, and to the girls he pays no mind."

F.F.A. 2,3,4; Commercial Club 4; 4-H 1; Science Club 2.



### ROWLAND GARNER

"He was little, he was spry,  
There was mischief in his eye."

4-H 1,2; F.F.A. 1,2; Class  
Officer 3; Science Club 2; Glee  
Club 2; Annual Staff 4; F.F.A.  
Officer 1; Commercial Club 3,  
4; Waiter at Jr. & Sr. 2.



### HENRY LEE GLOVER

"Not too serious, not too gay;  
but a rare good fellow in every  
way."

F.F.A. 1,2,3; Science Club 2;  
4-H 1; Commercial Club 3.

### JERRY SHIELDS GRIFFIN

"Why talk? It seldom means  
anything, and it takes up a lot  
of time."

Science 2; Superlative 4.



### NANCY CAROL GRUBB

"Sincere and kind in every way,  
She's Carol tomorrow, and  
Carol today."

Commercial Club 3,4; News-  
paper 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Glee  
Club 2,4; Annual 4; Quill &  
Scroll 4; Jr. Play Usher 3.



LINDA LOU HARRIS

"Good things and dynamite come in small packages."

4-H 1; Senior Scouts 1,2,3; Jr. Play 3; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Class Officer 1; Glee Club 2; Science Club 2; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Monogram 3,4; Commercial Club 3,4.



RACHEL LUCILLE HEDRICK

"A classmate, honest and true; and furthermore a worker too."

F.H.A. 1; Commercial Club 2, 3; 4-H 1.

JAMES SIDNEY LITTLE

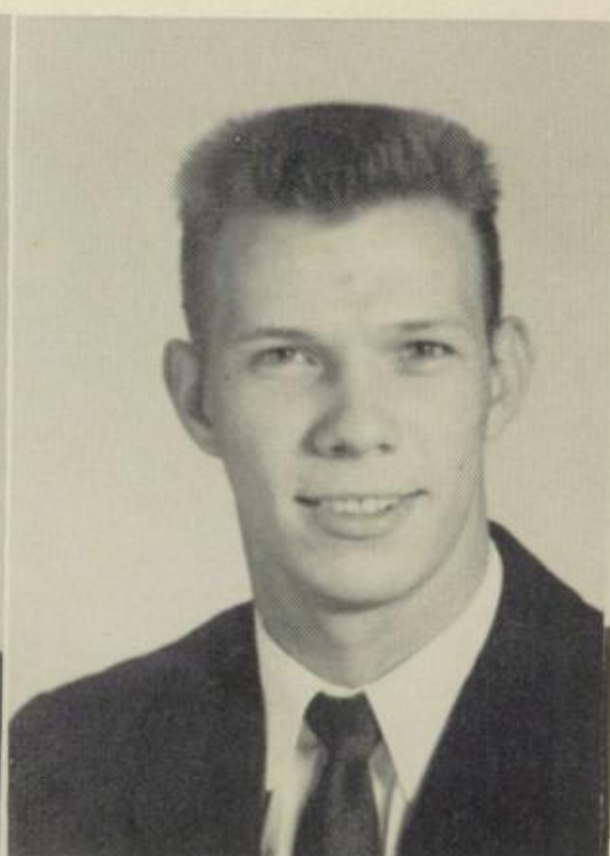
"A handsome lad - and a born athlete."

Dentonian Staff 2; Class Officer 2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3, (Officer 2,3); Football 1,2; Glee Club 2,4; Science Club 2; Basketball 1,2,3,4, (Captain 4); Monogram 2,3,4.

JOHN WESLEY HUFFMAN

"I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul."

4-H 1; Senior Superlative 4; Quill and Scroll; Marshall 3; Jr. Play 3; Boy's State 3; Baseball 2,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2; Monogram Club 4, (President 4); Beta Club 3,4; Phoenix 4, (Business Manager); Dentonian Staff 3,4, (Asst. Editor - Bus. Manager); Glee Club 2; Science Club 2; Class Officer 1,2,3; Commercial Club 4.



DAVID ANTHONY PARKER

"A handsome combination of laziness and enthusiasm, sense and nonsense."

4-H 1,2; Junior Play 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1,2; Bus Driver 4; Beta Club 3,4; Marshall 3; Science Club 2; Cheerleader 3; Monogram Club 3,4; Commercial Club 3, Football 2; Glee Club 2, Annual Staff 4.



RICHARD KENNETH SMITH

"I yam what I yam, and that's all I yam."

F.F.A. 1,2; Bus Driver 4; Commercial Club 3,4; Annual Staff 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Junior Play 3.

HELEN JANE SNIDER

"Success is sure to be for one so faithful as she."

Glee Club 2,4; Commercial Club 3,4; Beta Club 3,4; Junior Play 3; Superlative 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Marshall 3; Annual Staff 4; Quill & Scroll 4.



JOHNNY ALLEN SNIDER

"He is very ambitious and strives for the grades, He is seeking a glory that never fades."

Newspaper Staff 3,4; Annual Staff 4; Commercial Club 3,4; F.F.A. Club 1; Junior Play Usher 3; Science Club 2; 4-H 1,2.



GOLDIA RUTH SPIVEY

"Not too serious, not too gay, but a jolly good gal in most every way."

F.H.A. 1,2; Glee Club 2; Newspaper Staff 4; Student Store 3,4; Commercial Club 3,4; Quill and Scroll 4.



CHARLES RICHARD STALEY

"Jolly and good natured, one who can take the bumps of life without faltering."

Commercial Club 3,4; Baseball 2.

MARGARET CAROLYN SURRATT

"Good worker, good sport, good friend."

Class Officer 1,2,3; Girl Scouts 1; Senior Scouts 2,3; F.H.A. 1,2; 3,4, (Officer 1,2,3); Cheerleader 1,4; (Alternate 2); Dentonian Staff 1,2,3; Monogram Club 2, 3,4; Science Club 2; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Softball Club 3,4; Jr. Play 3; Annual Staff 4; Commercial Club 3; Class Testator 4; Superlative 4, Beta Club 4.

MARY LINDA STOKES

"Take it from us Linda's all right, wherever she is both day and night."

Newspaper Staff 2; 4-H 1,2,3, (Officer 1,2); Senior Scouts 2; Girl Scouts 1; Class Officer 1, 2; Jr. Play 3; Miss Denton 3; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 2,4; Softball 3,4; Science Club 2, (Officer 2); Cheerleader 1,2; Basketball 3,4, (Captain 4); Monogram 2,3,4, (Officer 4); Girls State 3; Class Historian 4; Beta Club 4.



MARY ELIZABETH SURRATT

"She's willing to help in her good natured way, dependable always, with not much to say."

F.H.A. 1,4; Glee Club 2,3,4; Class Officer 1; Junior Play Usher 3.



LARRY JOE TAYLOR

"It's better to kill time than to let it lay around and die."

Dentonian Staff 4; Class Officer 1,4; Junior Play 3; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4, (Officer 2,3,4 - County Officer 4); Football 1,2; Glee Club 2,4; Bus Driver 3,4; Science Club 2; Monogram Club 2; Commercial Club 3; Annual Staff 4; Beta Club 3,4; (Officer 3,4); Marshall 3; Superlative 4.

NANCY ANN TILLOTSON

"Wit is the spice of life."

Superlative 4; Dentonian Staff 1,4; Phoenix Staff 4; F.H.A. 1,2,4; Class Song Writer 4; Commercial Club 3,4; Boosters Club 2; Glee Club 4.



IMOGENE WALKER

"What do we live for if it's not to make life less difficult for others?"

High Point 1,2; Senior Scouts 3; Class Officer 3,4; Newspaper 4; Annual 4; Commercial Club 3; Girls State 3; Glee Club 3,4; Miss Denton 4.



HAZEL MARIE WILSON

"It's better to be small and let your light shine, than to be large and cast a shadow."

4-H 1; F.H.A. 1,4; Glee Club 2; Store 3,4; Commercial Club 3, 4.

BETTY JEAN WILLIAMS

"Our thoughts and our conduct are our own."

4-H 1; F.H.A. 1,2; Commercial Club 3,4; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club 2.

CHARLES BRUCE YOKLEY

"Things are bound to happen, why worry? Everything comes to him who waits, why hurry?"

4-H 1,2; F.F.A. 1,2; Glee Club 2; Bus Driver 3,4; Science Club 2; Commercial Club 3; Annual Staff 4; Football 2; Superlatives 4.

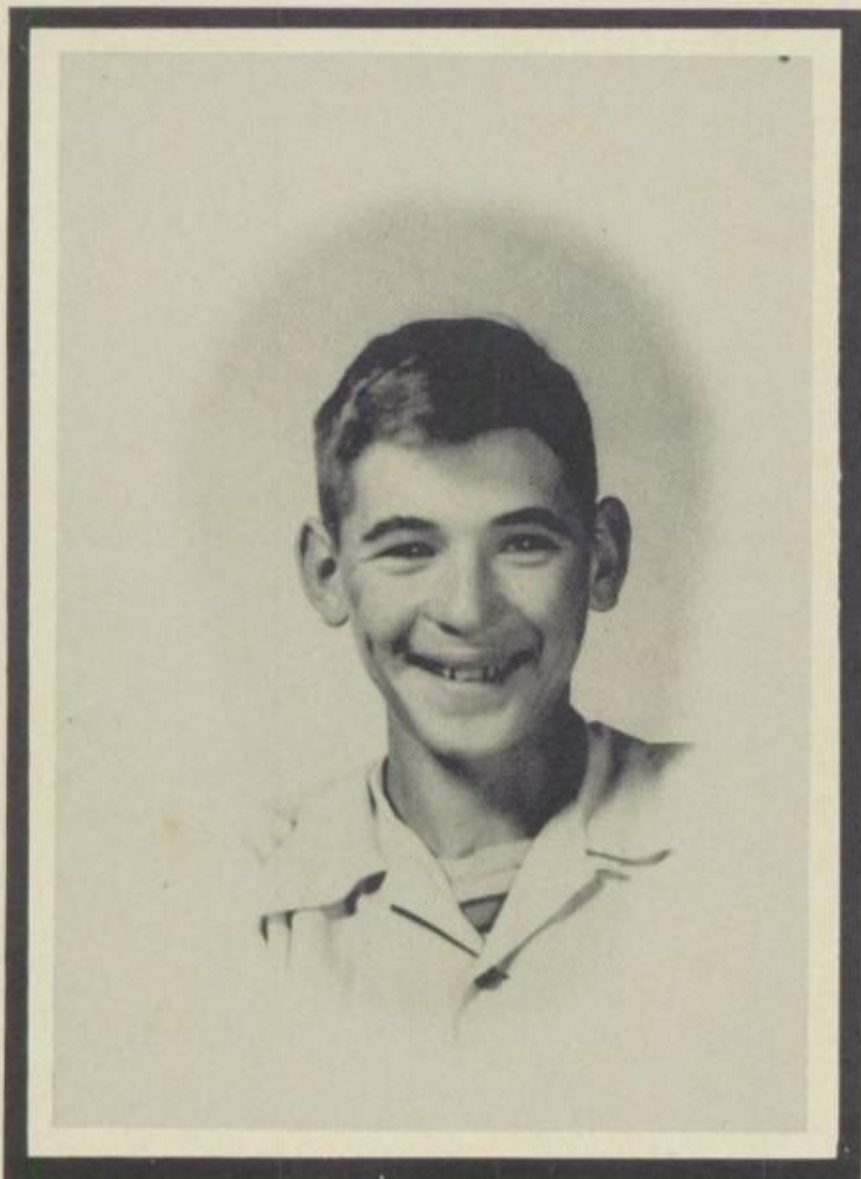
RAYMOND ROSS YOKLEY

"A rare compound of oddity frolic and fun."

Class Officer 1; Football 2; Bus Driver 4; Annual 4; Science Club 2; F.F.A. 1,2- (Officer 2) 4-H 1,2; Junior Play 3; Glee Club 1,3,4; Dentonian Staff 1; Senior Superlative 4.



REV. J. McCRAY HOLMES  
Sponsor



DENNY ROGERS

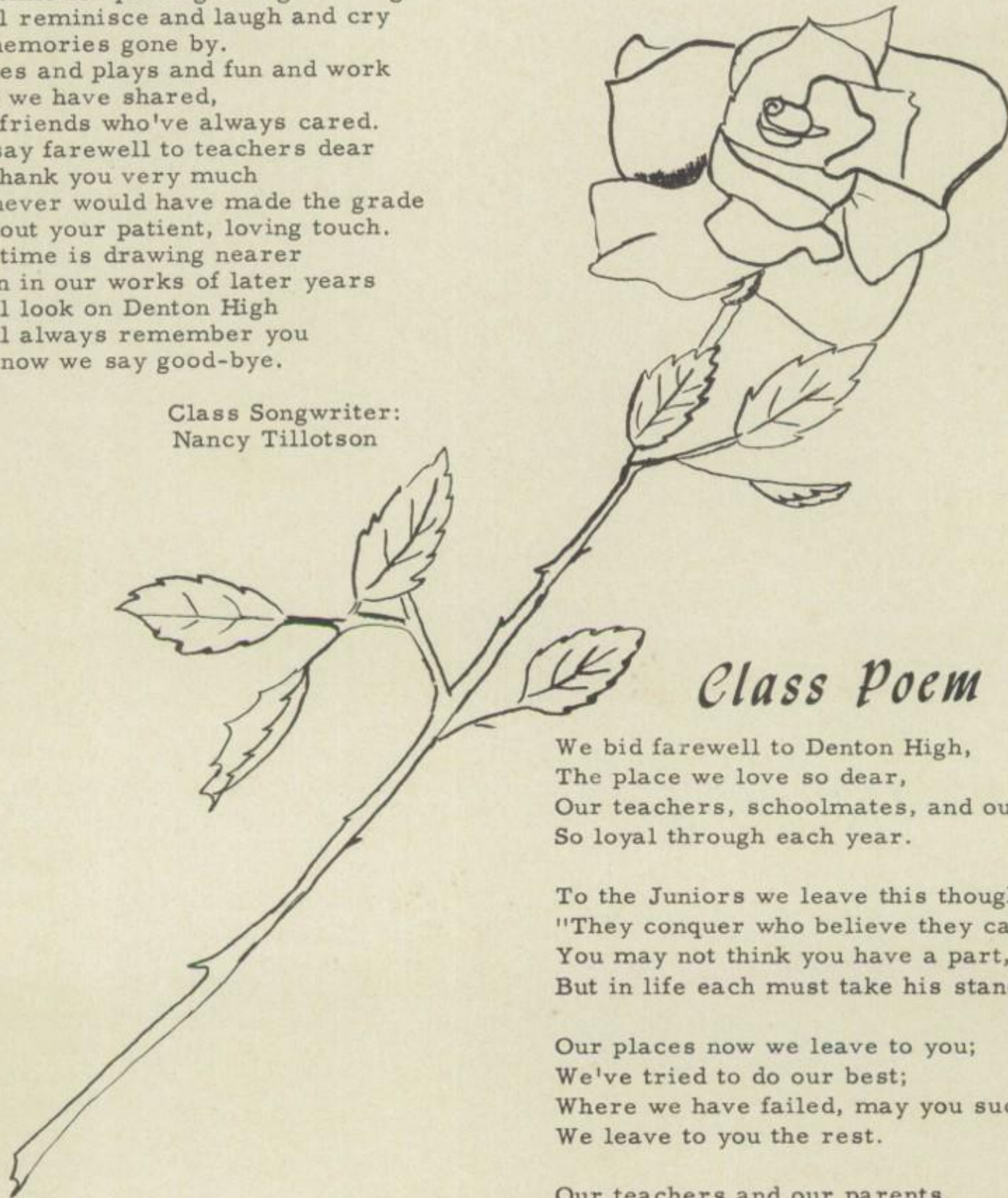
The Senior Class did not feel that this annual would be complete without the picture and a few words about Denny Rogers. Denny was our classmate and friend for nine years, and we were deeply hurt by his death in the summer of 1953. To the memory of Denny, our Senior section of the annual is dedicated.

## *Class Song*

(In tune of "I'll Be Seeing You")

We'll be seeing you,  
The time for parting now grows nigh  
We'll reminisce and laugh and cry  
Of memories gone by.  
Games and plays and fun and work  
That we have shared,  
The friends who've always cared.  
We say farewell to teachers dear  
We thank you very much  
We never would have made the grade  
Without your patient, loving touch.  
The time is drawing nearer  
When in our works of later years  
We'll look on Denton High  
We'll always remember you  
And now we say good-bye.

Class Songwriter:  
Nancy Tillotson



## *Class Poem*

We bid farewell to Denton High,  
The place we love so dear,  
Our teachers, schoolmates, and our friends,  
So loyal through each year.

To the Juniors we leave this thought:  
"They conquer who believe they can."  
You may not think you have a part,  
But in life each must take his stand.

Our places now we leave to you;  
We've tried to do our best;  
Where we have failed, may you succeed-  
We leave to you the rest.

Our teachers and our parents,  
So loyal and so true,  
Our faith to face the storms of life  
We owe to God and you.

Twelve years we've been in school  
But now we must depart;  
In future years we'll all look back  
With cherished memories in each heart.

Class Poet:  
Pearl Cook

# Class History

To misquote the words of that great conqueror Julius Caesar, whom we so dilligently, if reluctantly, studied, our high school years can best be summed up by saying, "We came, we saw, we conquered." True we have come, we have seen, and we have almost conquered that, which four years ago, seemed so unreal and far-away - graduation. But let's review a little.

At the beginning of our review we see 50 students entering high school as "green" Freshmen. We realize now how much truth there was to that word "green." But we also see how, under the guidance and leadership of our sponsors Mr. A. M. Snider and Miss Virginia Miller, and our class presidents, Jim Futrell and Carolyn Surratt, we progressed, slowly but surely. Too soon our Freshmen year was over, and we were leaving for our summer vacations, to return as "silly" Sophomores.

Our feelings were a mixture of happiness and grief as we returned to school our next year - happy to be returning, to once again be with our friends and classmates, but unhappy over the death of our friend, Denny Rogers, who passed away during the summer months. Realizing however, that we are not to understand the "why" of everything we began organizing our class. We chose as our class president, Linda Stokes. With her help and the careful guidance of our sponsor, Mr. Coit Rufty, our Sophomore year was soon in full swing. As the various clubs were organized and we became part of them, we began realizing that we really were somebody. The days seemed to fly by and as another year came to an end we were startled by the fact that we were "jaunty" Juniors.

CLASS FLOWER  
White Rose

It was during our Junior year that we began to think about our careers - knowing that soon we would be making our own way in the world. Mrs. Sara Smith, our sponsor, and Johnny Huffman, our class president, led us through, what we feel now was a very successful year. Highlighting our year was the trip "Under The Seas," which we invited the Seniors and faculty to take with us, the great moment when We Shook The Family Tree, and the hustle and bustle which accompanied the arrival of our rings. Then the last exams faced us; and we soberly watched the Seniors come forward, one by one, to receive their diplomas - knowing we were to take their places as the "Senior Class of 1956."

September 1, found 33 of us back at school, happily united with friends and classmates but sorry not to see those who were Seniors the previous year. We were overwhelmed by the new faces in our halls and wondered if we would ever learn all their names. With Mr. McCray Holmes as sponsor and Larry Taylor as class president, we began the final lap. Our hours this year, we soon found, were extremely full, with holding offices and belonging to clubs, but that suited us, for after all, we were members of the Senior Class.

You've heard it said, "all good things must come to an end." With that in mind we, as a class and as individuals wish to say, "thanks for all you've done for us," to Mr. Holmes, our sponsor, to Mr. V.O. Jones, our principal, to our friends and especially to our parents, who have made our education possible. Now we, the Senior Class of '56, leave you with this thought, "They Conquer Who Believe They Can."

CLASS HISTORIAN  
Linda Stokes

CLASS COLORS  
Green and White

CLASS MOTTO  
"They Conquer Who Believe They Can."

# *Last Will And Testament*

We, the Senior Class of 1956 of Denton High School, supposedly being of sound mind and body, and being reassured by higher authorities of the certainty of the approach of our graduation, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament.

To Mr. Jones, we will lockers for all high school students, and a fingerprinting outfit so he can try to keep up with them.

To Mr. Snider, we will good health always, and tickets to all the Carolina football games.

To Mr. Kluttz, we will a '56 Ford to replace his Chevvy.

To Mr. Cannon, we will a Senior Geometry class that comes every day.

To Mr. Hicks, we will better judgment of World Series teams, so he won't need "Get Well" cards.

To Miss Hoover, we will a new commercial room.

To Mr. Sink, we will a new house trailer and acceptance into a dental school.

To Mrs. Smith, we will a new classroom near the office, so it won't be so far away to get excuses.

To Mrs. Taylor, we will the position of Music Teacher of Denton School as long as she wants it.

To Mr. Clark, we will a band that sounds just like the Army Band, and practice time for Glee Club.

To Miss Mason, we will good-luck with her boy friend, like the other Home Economics teachers.

To Mr. Arthur Snider, we will a pair of mittens to keep his hands warm as he lights the boilers on cold mornings.

To Mr. Holmes, we leave our thanks for his help, patience and understanding; and another Senior Class who will think as much of him as we do.

I, Jim Futrell, will my love for fast cars to Steve Garner.

I, Linda Harris, will my place as cheerleader to Ann Garner.

I, Jerry Griffin, will my chemistry book to Clarence Glover.

I, Helen Snider, will my studious ways to my sister Gladys.

I, Tony Parker, will my "catty" ways to Jackie Cole.

I, Carol Grubb, will my place on the newspaper staff to Gladys Snider.

I, Richard Smith, will old "44" to the junkyard.

I, Sara Carroll, will my wanting to love and date only one boy to Nan Johnson.

I, Joe Carroll, will my loud mouth to Dale Morris.

I, Johnny Huffman, will my mischievous ways to Bobby Shackelford.

I, Nelson Doby, will my love for commercial subjects to Johnny Smith.

I, Pearl Cook, will a carton of bubble-gum to chew in Mrs. Smith's English Class to Frances Kindley.

I, Johnny Snider, will my extreme height to Jimmy Morris.

We, Karen Adams and Lucille Hedrick, will our quiet ways to Iris Jean Morgan and Frances Kindley.

I, Charles Staley, will my ability to leave school at lunch to Jimmy Morris.

We, Hazel Wilson and Goldia Ruth Spivey, will our natural blonde hair to Martha and Cornelia Snider.

I, Linda Stokes, will anything anybody wants to them.

I, Sidney Little, will my ability to pick the banjo and act the clown to David Snider.

I, Rowland Garner, will my ability to skate to Susan Kearns.

I, Mary Surratt, will the courage it took to have my long hair cut short to Nancy Campbell.

I, Larry Taylor, will my office as President of Beta Club to John Gallimore.

I, Bet Williams, will my independance to Lee Attreass Daniels.

I, Henry Glover, will my ability to stay out of sixth period study hall to anyone who is smart enough to get by with it.

We, Carolyn Surratt, Imogene Walker, and Nancy Tillotson, will our love for Bermuda Shorts to Alice Cranford, Lynda Snider, and Ann Bisher.

I, Graham Davis, will my cowboy hat to John Gallimore.

I, Charlie Yokely, will my ability to pick on girls and make them like it to Roy Lee Morris.

I, Ross Yokley, will my place in a certain pink and white convertible to Sara Dell Little.

I, Nancy Carroll, will my ability to always have too much to do, to always be in a hurry, and to always be in the middle of everything to Libby Shaw.

I, Mr. Holmes, will the rest of my belt to the Freshman English Teacher.

Having appointed our class advisor, Mr. Holmes as our sole executor of this will and testament, and in the witness of he and the Senior Class, I, the testator, have set my hand and seal on this the 19th day of May in the year 1956.

Class Testator: Carolyn Surratt

## Class Prophecy



As I hurtle across the continent on a super-sonic train to a luncheon appointment in Los Angeles - the sound of an old, familiar tune floats down from the ceiling. In this electronic age, music comes from everywhere. "It's Almost Tomorrow" brings back memories of my Senior year, 1956 - it hardly seems it could be '76 already.

Suddenly, I'm startled out of my daydreams by the sound of a voice calling "peanuts, popcorn, sandwiches," and I discover to my surprise the voice is that of Larry Taylor. He finally gave up his engineering degree. Right behind him comes Henry Glover, conductor. As I hand him my ticket, he tells me that most of the class of '56 is on the train. Deciding to visit them all, I set out to explore the train.

In the first car, I discover a whole troupe of circus performers, traveling to their next engagement. After talking to Hazel Wilson, lion-tamer; Lucille Hedrick, burlesque queen; and Johnny Snider, strong man, I walked into the next car. Something swooped down over my head, and I looked up to see Goldia Spivey and Charles Staley, rehearsing for their new trapeze act.

After finally getting out of that car, I stumbled on, discovered myself in a rich, private car - filled with servants and money. In the middle, I see Sara Carroll figuring to see if her 30 million dollars a year is still rolling in. No - she never married, she's a career girl.

Sara and I sat down for a long talk, and she told me of seeing a new group of singers, the "Larkspurs" singing in the rhythm and blues revue. We're real proud of this group; they're all from Denton - Nelson Doby, Karen Adams, Bet Williams, and Graham Davis. Mary Surratt was mistress of ceremonies at the revue, and was a grand success.

As Sara and I were talking, there was a muffled explosion and three of the cars jumped the track. Upon investigation, we found the cause of the explosion - Jerry Griffin is still working with his Chemistry set. His wife and eight daughters were pronounced unharmed by Dr. Helen Snider. Helen was so impressed by the work that doctors did on her leg, she became one herself.

A construction crew, consisting of Rowland Garner, Tony Parker, and Richard Smith rushed to the site, and soon had everything under control. Charlie Yokley drove by in

his "Charlie Car," a sports car of his own design, which he sells by the billions. From Charlie we learn that Ross is a leading manufacturer of womens' girdles - he learned how to make a new style at State. One of his best customers is Linda Harris, strictly a housewife, who finally lost her tiny waistline.

Getting back on the train and underway again, I decide to go on to the dining car - I'm hungry, as always. The food is delicious and upon inquiry, I'm told that it was prepared by Pearl Cook and Carol Grubb, internationally known chefs. Carol only cooks for the train when her husband is traveling, and takes the eight kids to her mother. Going into the club car, I find a large picture covering almost all of the wall, and the artist still at work. Nancy Tillotson is busy doing a life-sized picture of Imogene Walker, nationally known society leader. Imogene is known for her brilliant, formal, and well-planned details.

Hearing more confusion along the line, I rush to the back just in time to see a tramp being thrown off a freight car. The culprit is Jim Futrell - he lost all his money in a crap game, and is now a full time bum. Sidney Little comes to the rescue, however, and offers Jim a job in his lace factory. Sidney does all of the designing and most of the knitting himself - he has a small but exclusive business.

We finally arrive at Los Angeles, and as I get off the train, I run smack-dab into Joe Carroll, who is now principal of a girl's school. Joe is returning Mr. and Mrs. Holmes' eight daughters to their farm - Mr. Holmes and his nine sons are out hunting and fishing as usual.

There at the train I am met by Linda Stokes, internationally known movie star. I came to have lunch with Linda alone, but I find she is constantly shadowed by Johnny Huffman, her publicity agent. Johnny has done much to help Linda on her way to fame. While we are eating, we are also joined by Carolyn Surratt for a conference on costumes for Linda's next picture. Carolyn has achieved her life-long dream of designing sports clothes, and now designs exclusively for Linda. On week-ends, you'll always find Carolyn at her horse ranch.

As for me, I'm still doing just what I'm doing now - writing.

Class Prophetess-  
Nancy Carroll

# Senior Statistics

In our annual are pictures of the Seniors and facts about the Seniors - but here are some facts that you may not know, and may find more interesting.

In appearance, our girls average 5'3 1/2" tall, and their average weight (so they say) is 109 pounds. Their eyes are blue and their hair is brown. Our boys average 5'-10", weight 152 pounds, have brown hair, and hazel eyes. Even though they look like this - they prefer their girls to have black hair and brown eyes. The girls agree with the boys for a change, and prefer boys with black hair and brown eyes. So girls, rush out to get your Slim-X, and boys, order your "Charles Atlas Muscle Building Course" today- be popular.

During the week, while attending school very faithfully, the girls claim to like Home Economics best, and the boys can't seem to agree on any one subject. There are two independent souls however - one boy vows his favorite subject is "girls," and one girl prefers "Bobby." They all get together on one thing however - Mr. Holmes is their favorite teacher.

After school, at their favorite hang-out, they prefer popular or rhythm and blues music. But when it comes to favorites they seem to go for the slow and sentimental side - such as "Love is a Many Splendored Thing, Unchained Melody, and I'll Never Stop Loving You."

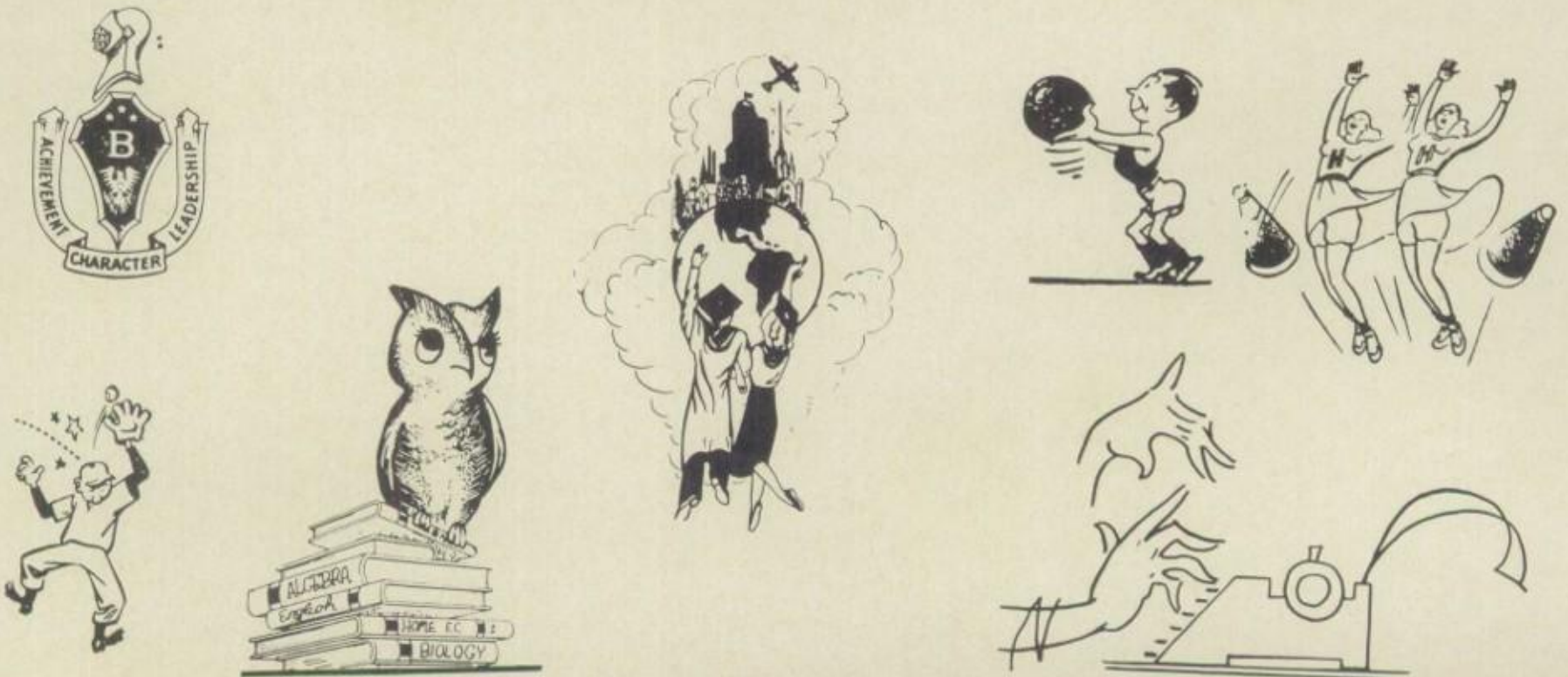
At night - basketball games are the major attraction for everyone, and you'll find representatives of our class among both teams, cheerleaders, and fans. On Saturday nights, (and nights when there are no ball games) you'll find most of us at the movies

- the Lantern, the West-49, the Midway, the Lexington, and the Badin Road. They're enjoying the movies (?), of course. When asked about their favorite movie - they'll stammer, stutter and finally come up with "The Blackboard Jungle." It seems that some of our class see this movie every Saturday night or "Hoot Gibson and the Sheriff's Daughter." They all seem to go for Rock Hudson, Marlon Brando, June Allyson, and Jane Russell. The girls also go for the late James Dean. Regardless of their preference - they always have fun!!

Just anytime, you'll find us looking for clothes or just about anything in our favorite color - it's a toss-up between blue and green. But that independent soul is still around, looking for their favorite color - red. You'll hear our favorite expressions too - from "Beats me," to "Good gosh", to "What it are?"

On Sunday you'll find the majority of us at the Methodist Church - but everyone's at church somewhere. On Sunday, we have our most serious thoughts, and while we were thinking along these lines, we were asked to name the person we admired and respected most on earth. There were answers ranging from Dwight Eisenhower to Billy Graham - but a majority chose Rev. McCray Holmes.

As for the future of our class, a majority plan to go on to some form of schooling - a good many to college, studying to be everything from a mechanical engineer to a journalist. There is also a large group which plans to attend business college. As for the rest, most of the boys plan to be in part of the armed services, or to work, and the girls to get married and/or work.



# *A Day In The Life Of A Senior*

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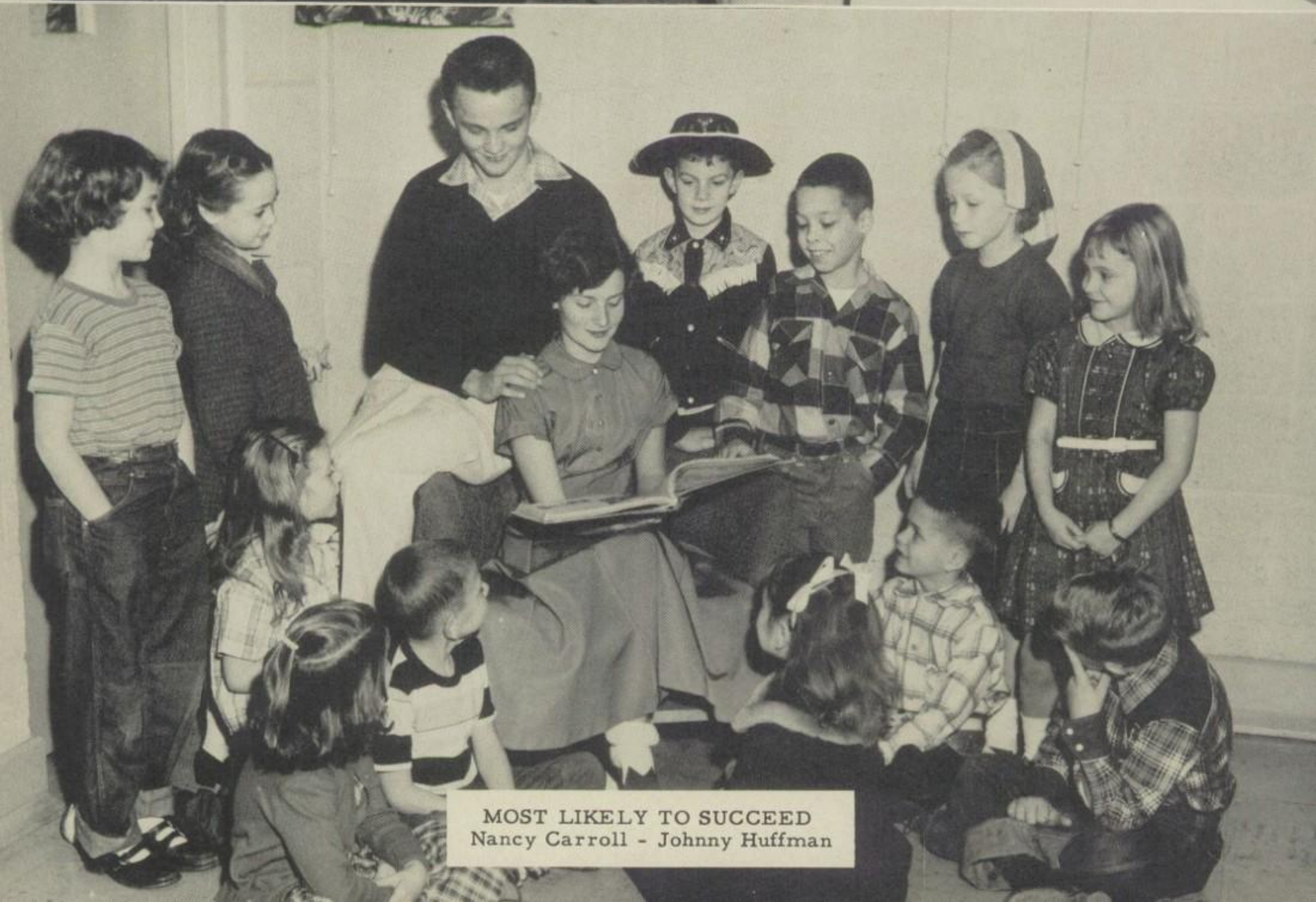


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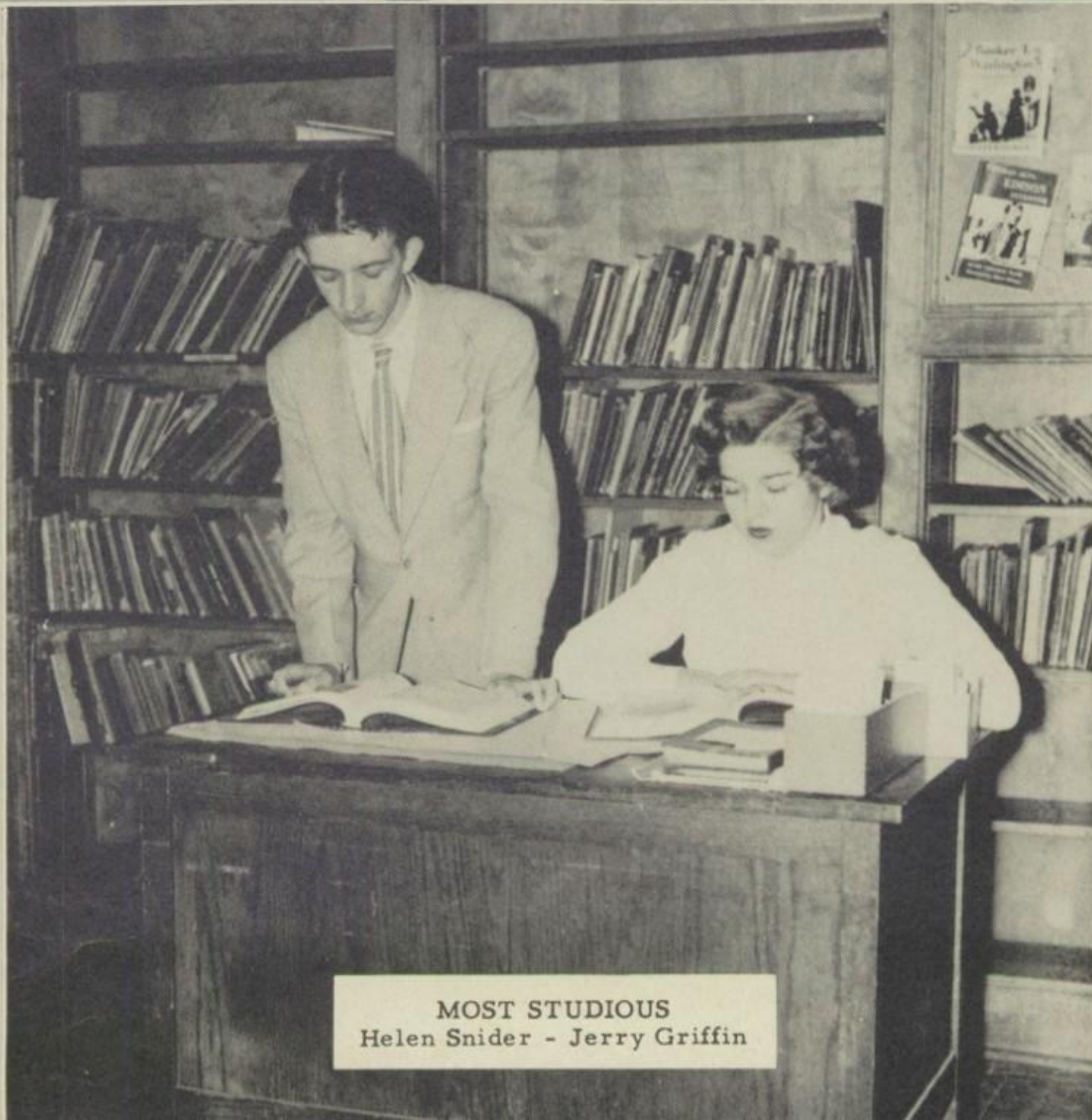
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Sara Carroll - Larry Taylor



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED  
Nancy Carroll - Johnny Huffman



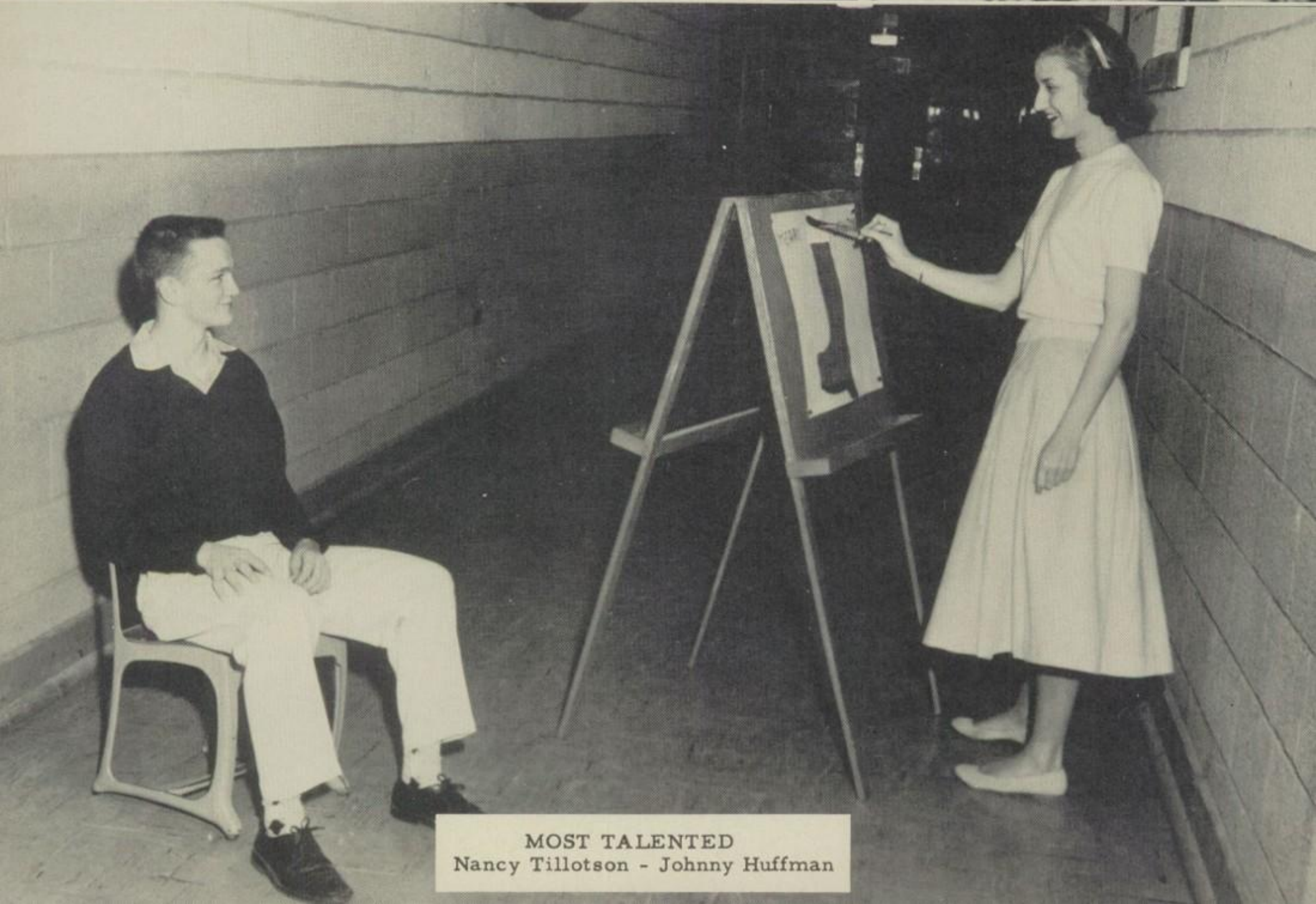
**BEST ALL-AROUND**  
Linda Stokes - Sidney Little



**MOST STUDIOUS**  
Helen Snider - Jerry Griffin



BEST LOOKING - PRETTIEST  
Tony Parker - Pearl Cook



MOST TALENTED  
Nancy Tillotson - Johnny Huffman



**MOST ATHLETIC**  
Sara Carroll - Sidney Little



**BEST SPORTS**  
Carolyn Surratt - Charlie Yokley



BEST DRESSED  
Carolyn Surratt - Tony Parker



MOST COURTEOUS  
Linda Harris - Ross Yokley



WITTIEST  
Nancy Tillotson - Jim Futrell



FRIENDLIEST  
Imogene Walker - Graham Davis



MOST TALKATIVE  
Nancy Carroll - Jim Futrell

2 O'CLOCK

4:45 P.M.



BIGGEST FLIRTS  
Linda Stokes - Rowland Garner

A black and white photograph featuring a person in silhouette, standing in a doorway and playing a violin. The person is positioned on the right side of the frame, with their body angled towards the left. They are wearing a dark, long-sleeved top and dark pants. The violin is held in their right hand, and the bow is in their left. The background, visible through the doorway, shows a bright outdoor scene with a light-colored car parked on a street. The car is a vintage model, possibly from the 1950s or 60s. The overall mood is artistic and contemplative.

**UNDERCLASSMEN**



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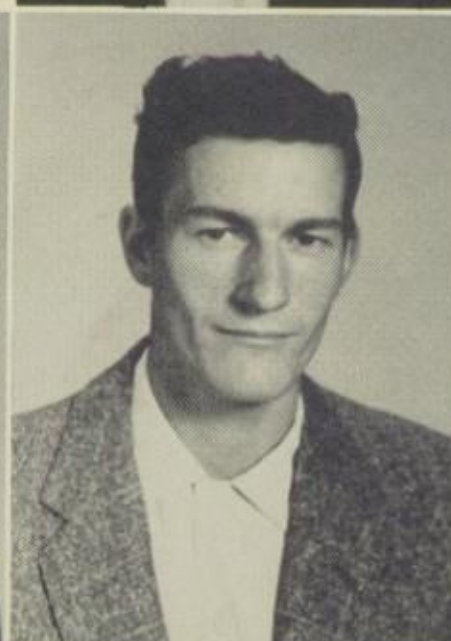


# *Juniors*

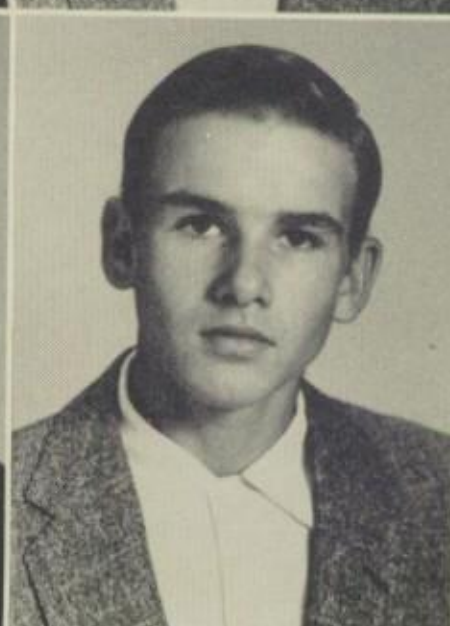
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# *Juniors*



Nancy Hedrick

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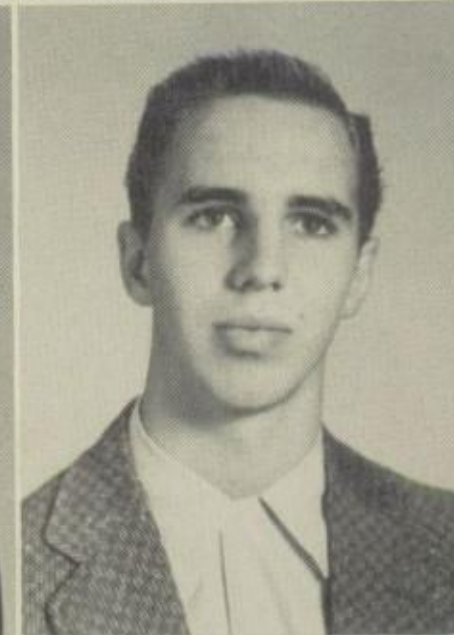
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# *Juniors*

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Martha Snider

Shirley Surratt

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Ellen Andrews  
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Max Bisher  
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Jerry Garner



Kenneth Garner  
Lillian Garner  
Clarence Glover  
Nancy Goins  
Barbara Harris



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Johnny Harrison  
Clinton Hedrick  
Norman Henderson  
Glenda Huffman



# Sophomores



Susan Kearns  
Ann Lanier  
Geraldine Lax  
Sara Dell Little  
Barbara Loflin



Clarence Loflin  
Faydene Loflin  
Janet Loflin  
Mattie Michael  
Roy Lee Morris



Sylvia Morris  
Loretta Nance  
Max Newby  
Benny Owens  
Dean Rash



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Marilyn Russell  
Deloris Smith  
Wade Snider



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Loretta Steed  
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Tony Surratt  
Bobby Taylor



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Denton High!!*



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Nancy Adams  
Thomas Adams  
Harris Badgett  
Carleen Bean



Dewey Bean  
Griffis Bean  
Linda Buchanan  
Betty Connell



Pallie Rose Cook  
Larry Daniel  
Shelvia Davis  
Jeanette Elliott



Clarence Fine  
David Fine  
Paul Fine, Jr.  
Wylie Fine



Judy Ford  
Larry Ford  
Patricia Frank  
Rachel Gallimore



Johnny Griffis  
Elizabeth Glover  
James Garner  
Ralph Gallimore



## *Freshmen*

Donald Grubb  
Lannie Grubb  
Richard Hall  
Gurney Harris

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Walter Harris  
Ila Mae Hedrick  
Jerry Hunt

Lois Kindley  
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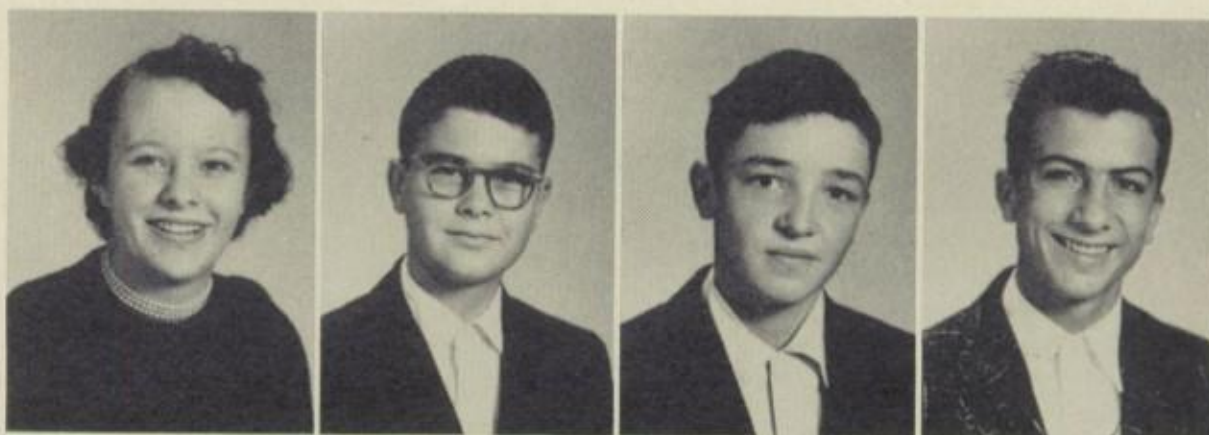
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Joel Sexton  
Billy Smith

## *Freshmen*

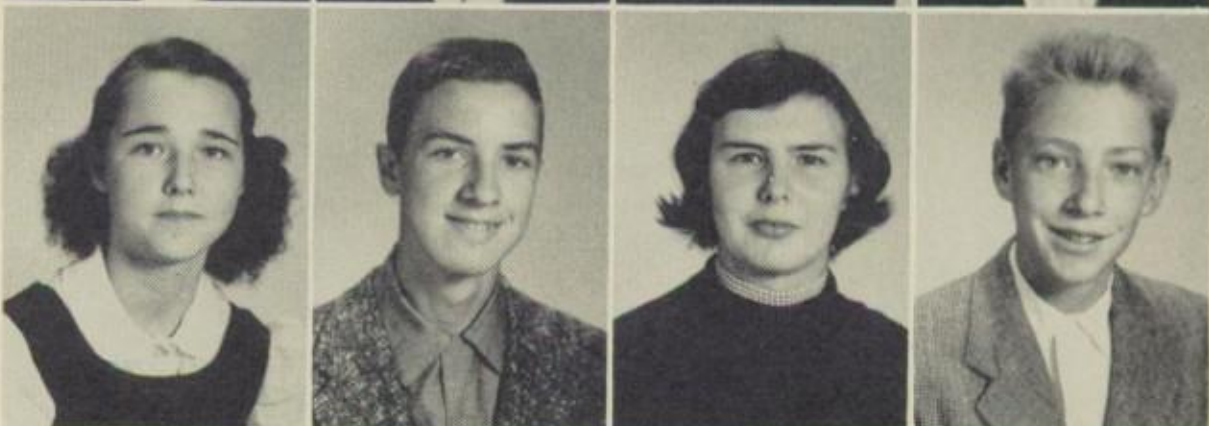
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Bobby Talbert



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Jerry Tillotson  
Edith Tysinger  
Darrell Wood



Brenda Wright  
Sue Young  
Mr. Charles Sink



# Snapshots





**ACTIVITIES**

As we label the last picture, type the last copy, seal the huge packages, and send them on their way, it's hardly possible the days of seemingly endless work can be reaching an end.

Many long, hard hours of planning, worry, and work have gone into putting together into a few pages a year of life at Denton High. All this has been done to give you a record to keep forever of a wonderful year in all of our lives.

To Mr. Jones, and the faculty, we wish to express our appreciation for their co-operation and patient acceptance of our many requests which often disturbed their work.

To the Delmar staff, we acknowledge a debt of gratitude for answering our many questions, and making a good annual out of our confused ideas.

To the students, we say "thanks" for cheerfully helping us to capture in pictures all your activities.

To Mr. Holmes, we give our thanks for patiently listening to all our troubles and snarls - then calmly straightening them out.

To all who have helped in any way - may you get as much enjoyment from this annual as we have secured from giving it to you.

Nancy Carroll-Editor-in-Chief



Nancy Carroll  
Editor-in-Chief

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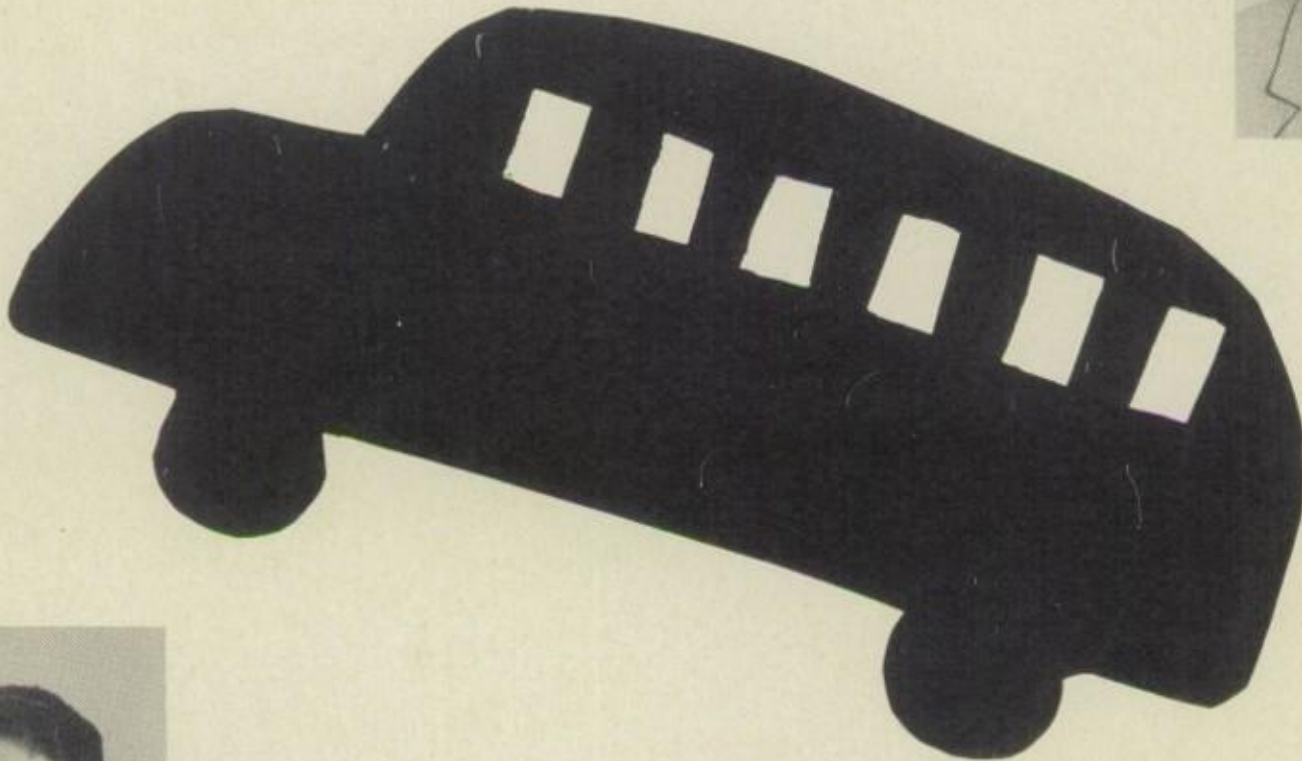
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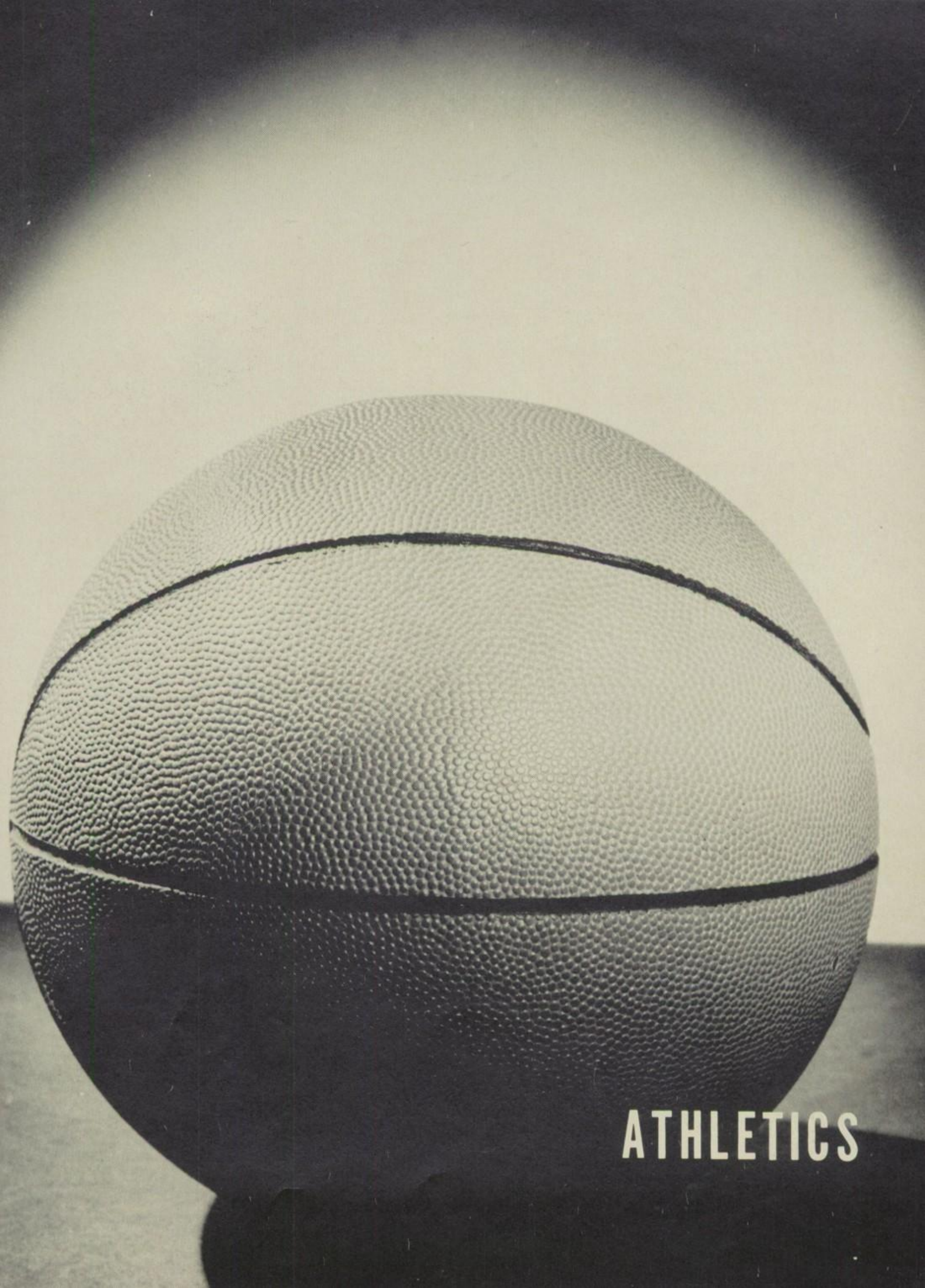
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## *Bus Drivers*



Richard Smith  
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**ATHLETICS**



## *Girls' Basketball Team*

Mr. Warren Hicks  
Coach  
Sara Carroll, Linda Stokes  
(Co-captains)



Sara Carroll  
Deloris Smith  
Iris Jean Morgan  
Nancy Campbell  
Angie Robbins  
Ann Garner  
Coach Hicks  
Janet Anderson  
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*Sara Carroll*



*Linda Stokes*



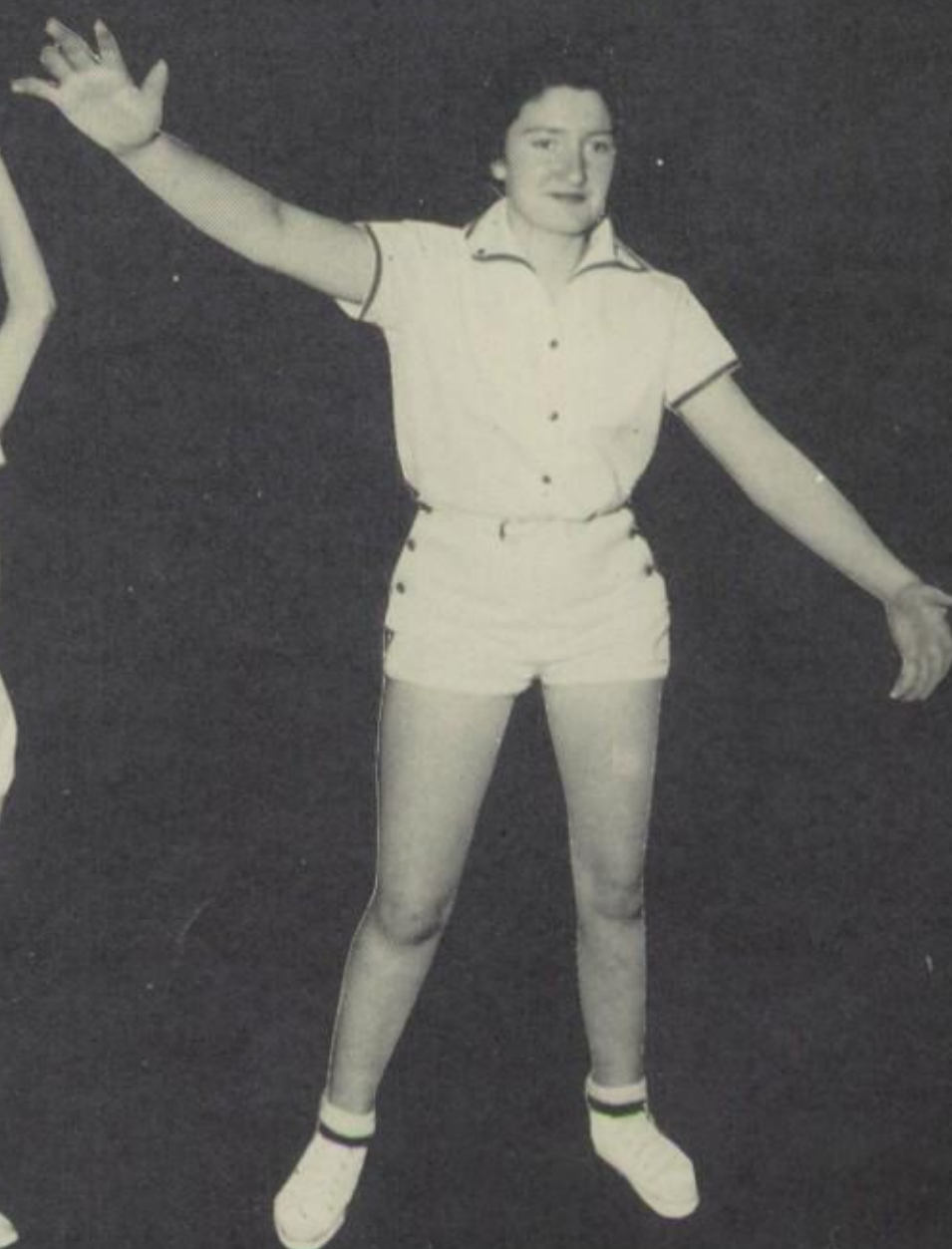
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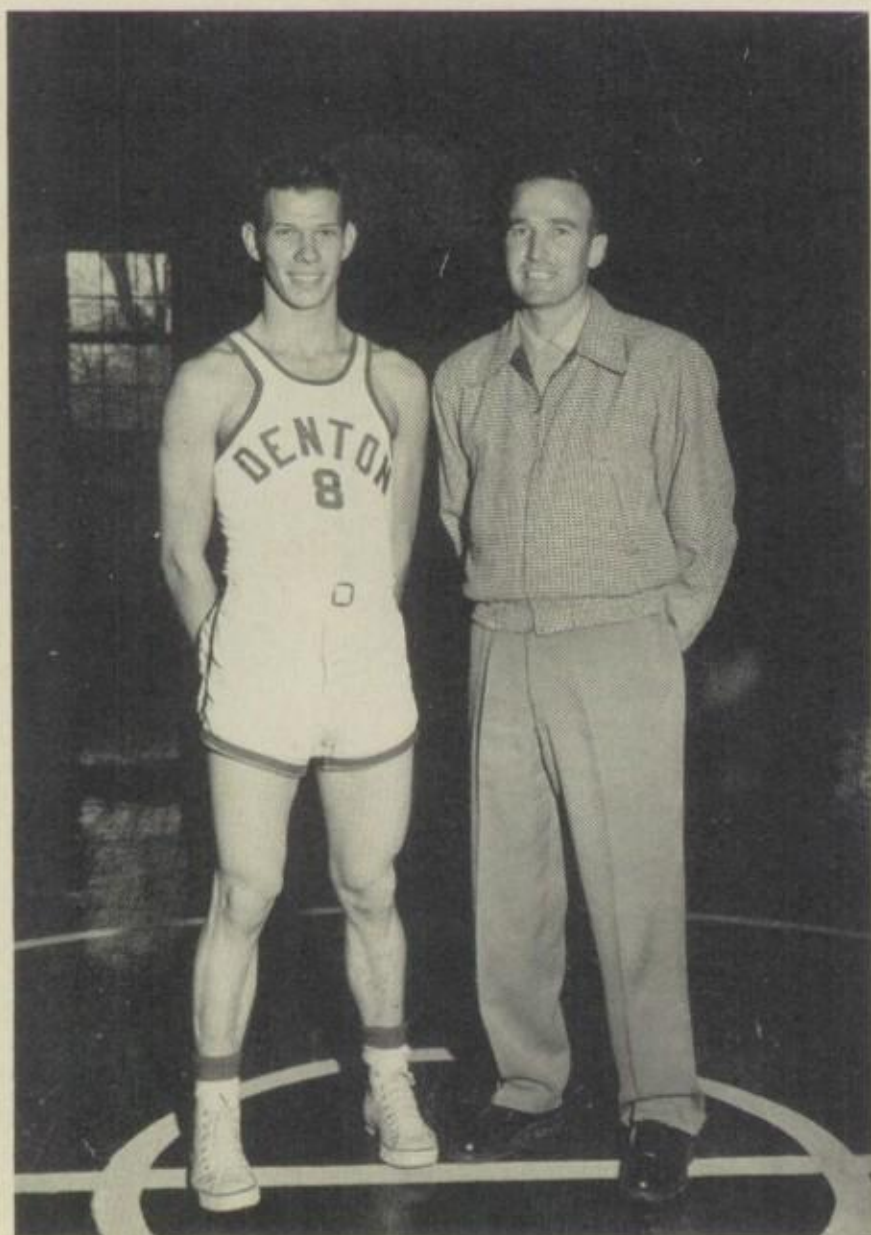
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## *Boys' Basketball Team*

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Sidney Little  
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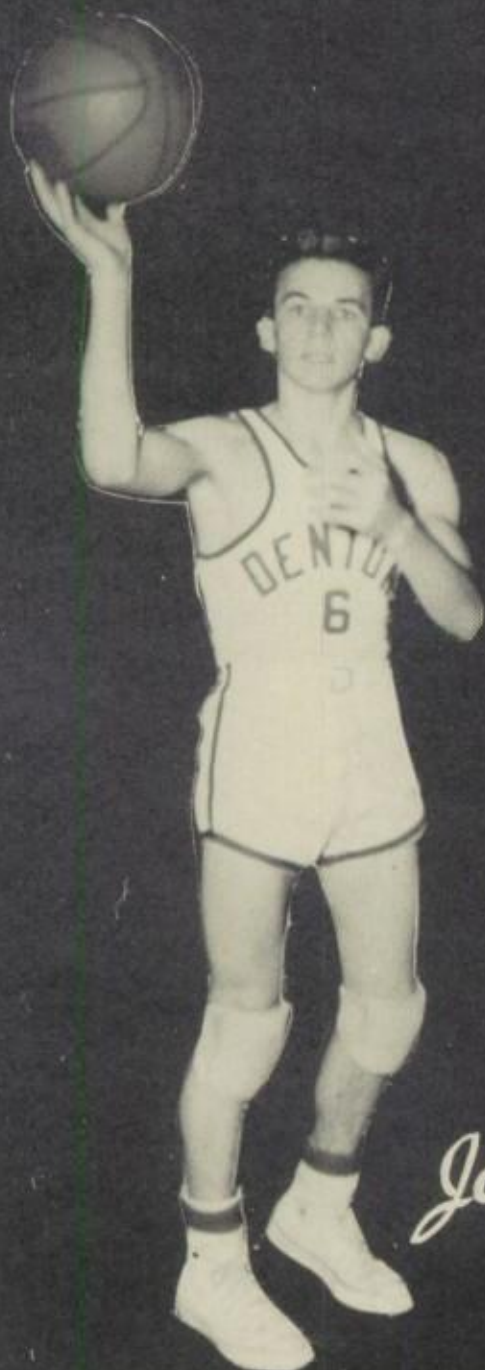
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Johnny Griffis  
Donald Gallimore





*John Dallimore*

*Austin Cook*



*Sidney Little*



*Johnny Harrison*

*Bobby Shackelford*

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*Baseball '55*





## *Softball Team '55*

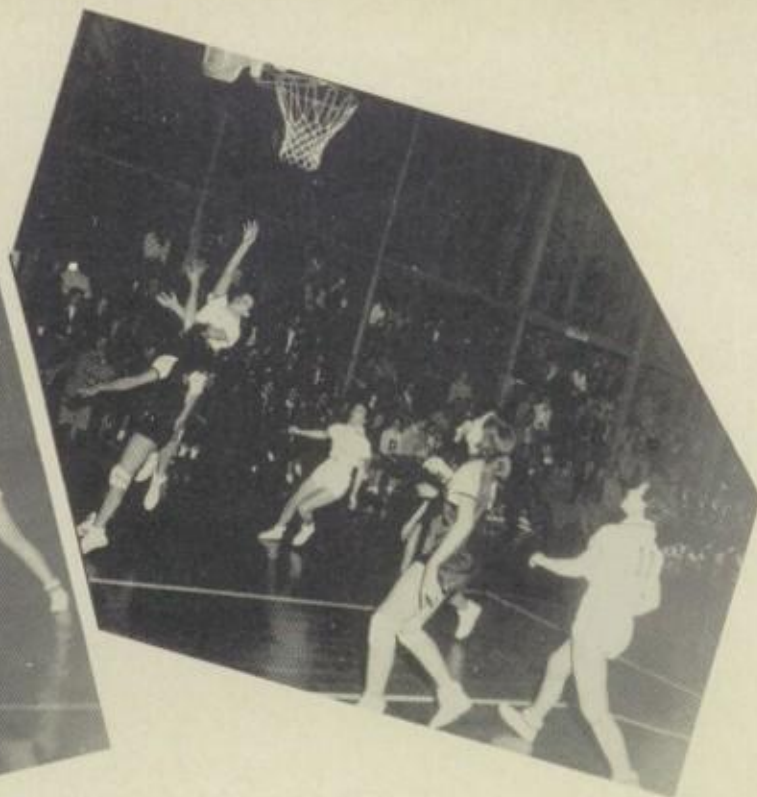
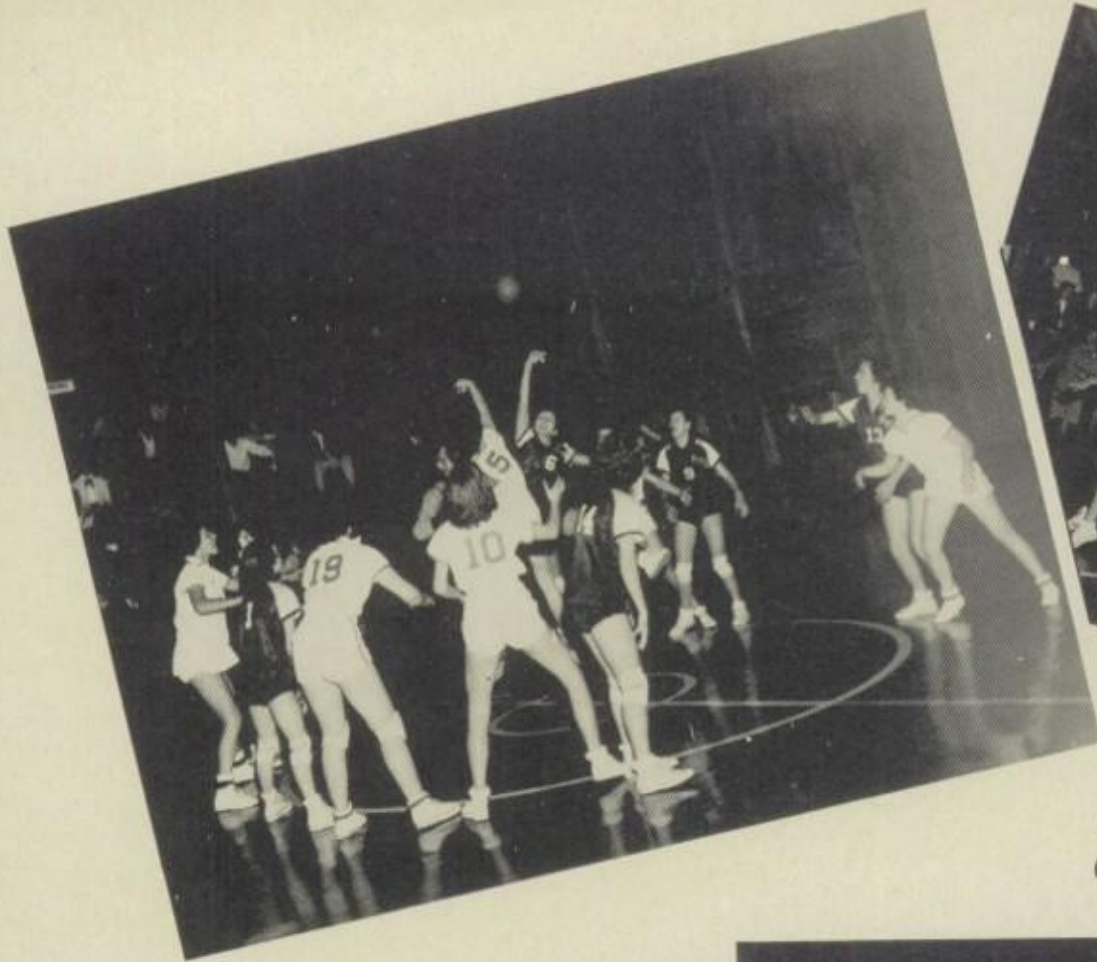


Miss Mary Rudd  
Coach

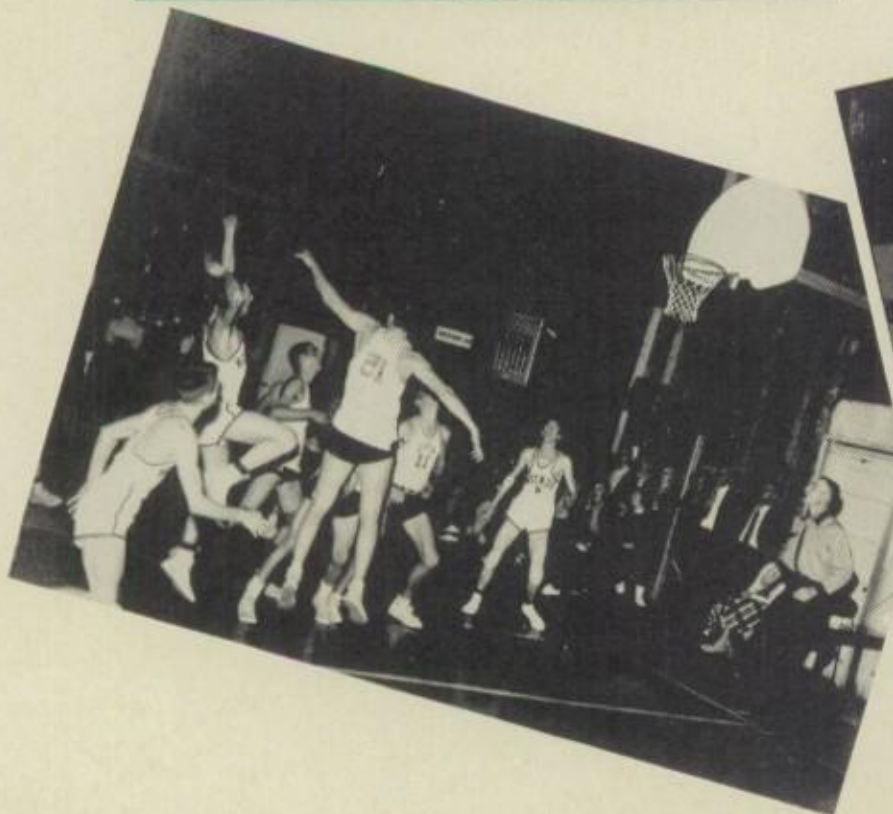
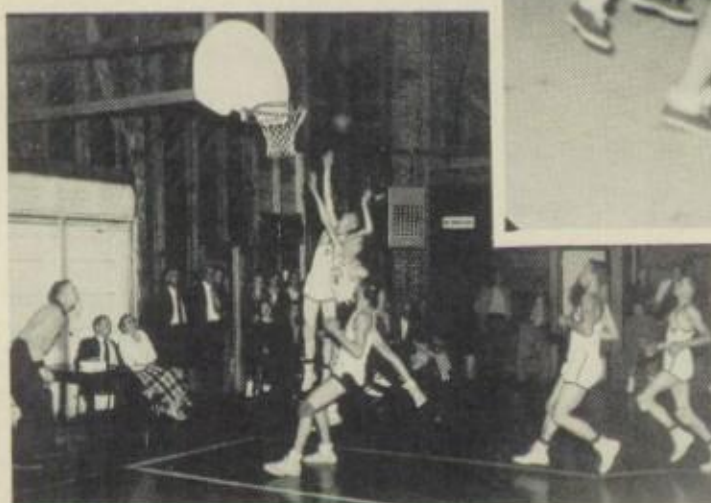
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Frances Daniels  
Lynda Snider  
Janet Anderson  
Nancy Campbell  
Ann Garner  
Nan Johnson  
Angie Robbins





*In Action!!*





**FEATURES**



*Marshals 1955*

# *"We Shook The Family Tree"*

October 22, 1955



## *Junior Plays*



# *"Finders Creepers"*

October 21, 1955



*Miss Denton 1955*

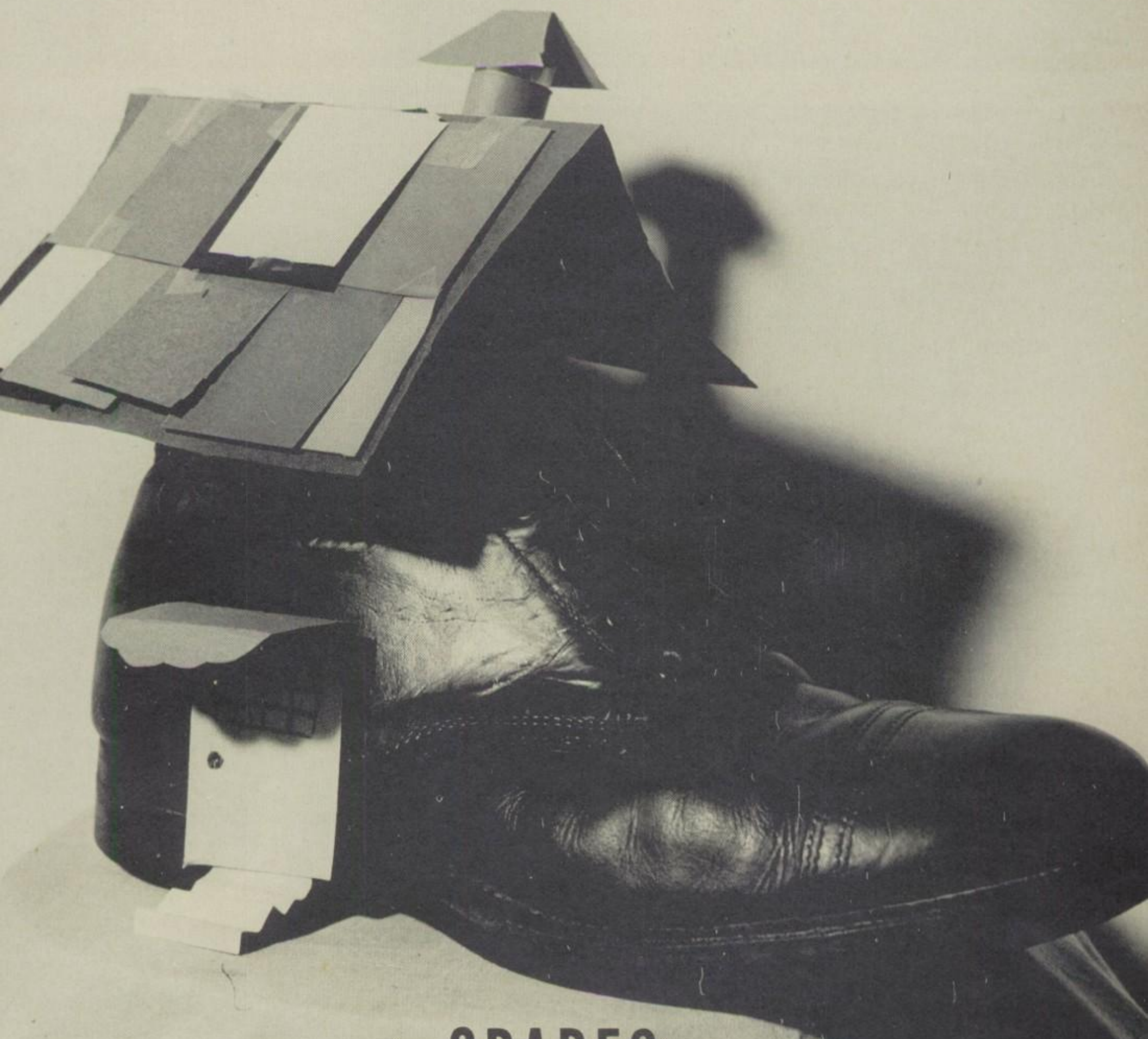


*Our First Bon Rally - November 7, 1955*



## Snapshots





**GRADES**

## *Eighth Grades*



Peggy Adams  
Joe Andrews  
Shirley Barnes  
Carol Bean  
Dwight Beane



Ray Bivens  
Rebecca Blake  
Connie Buie  
Tommy Carroll  
Jimmy Chriscoe



Emma Combs  
James Covington  
Colleen Cranford  
Wadene Cranford  
Kaye Daniel



Rebecca Daniel  
Lloyd Davis  
Joyce Doby  
Amy Edwards  
Donald Everhart



Elaine Fine  
Joyce Fine  
Rebecca Frank  
Sonja Floyd  
Frazier Garner



Joetta Garner  
Linda Gallimore  
Linda Garner  
Melissa Galloway  
Rhonda Garner



Richard Gallimore  
Ronnie Griffin  
Bennie Hardy  
Carol Harrison  
Lester Hedrick

## *Eighth Grades*

Loretta Harris  
Wanda Hallbrook  
Beverly Jones  
David Lanier  
Jimmy Lanier



Judy Lambeth  
Judy Loftin  
Joy Gail Morris  
Charles Myers  
Larry Nance



Mary Ella Newby  
Bobby Owens  
Owen Pickett  
Clayton Ridge  
Austin Russell



Charity Ann Russell  
Gladys Seabolt  
Buddy Sexton  
David Skeen  
Doris Smith



Shelbia Smith  
Gilbert Snider  
Margaret Snider  
Ralph Snider  
Carolyn Surratt



Beauford Taylor  
Nancy Taylor  
C. J. Vanhoy  
Kenneth Williams  
Nancy Wright



Denie Bell Workman  
Blenda Yates  
Mrs. Rena B. Snider  
Miss Dora Huss



Mrs. Helen Loftin  
(Not Pictured)



*Seventh Grade* ME

*Sixth Grade*





*Fifth Grade*

*Fourth Grade*





*Third Grade*

*Second Grade*





*First Grade*



*Harry  
Wish you the  
best of luck to a  
very nice boy.  
Ann Martin*

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to a nice boy  
and classmate  
your friend  
Betty Gains*

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*Best wishes,  
through out  
the future to  
a nice boy.*

*a friend,  
Betty Sue Gains*

Denton

Phone 52

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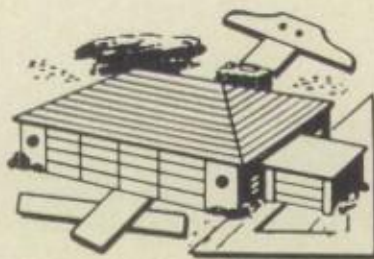
Good Luck to a  
very handsome friend  
and classmate!  
your friend (a big liar)  
Ginnie Dean

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Hello Pal?  
I hope you  
have lots of luck  
in the near future  
and make with "Pal"  
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and classmate  
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7th Grade*

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I Rex, I have enjoyed teaching  
you this year! You have  
been a very nice boy. I  
wish you lots of happiness  
in the future.  
Mrs. Gallimore

To Larry Pierce  
The best  
of luck  
from

to a fine nephew  
may your pathway  
in life be strewn  
with roses + success  
be with you all the way  
always remember our  
trip to Florida + what a  
good time we had  
your aunt Grace

Jimmy  
Margaret  
Z

Dirty You dirty little You  
Big You little pig

Bobby  
Pierce.

I Larry -  
have not much to  
say except that I  
hope you'll graduate at  
the head of your class  
when that time comes. So  
study and work real hard.  
Shirley Lanier

You a very smart boy I  
know, but study hard so  
your brain will grow.

Shirley Lanier

April 6, 1956.

Larry:

Another year has passed and here I am - writing in your year book. I still wish you much success in anything you do - large or small. May you have lots of friends during your school days, and after they are through, too. Try your best and the best will come back to you.

Remember: A friend in need is  
Good Luck! a friend indeed.  
Always! your mother.









